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PREFACE

This is the study of a fanatical, all-Negro cult in the United States which is based on a distorted interpretation of the religious principles of Islam and is motivated by hatred of the white race. At various times, it has been known as the Muslim Cult of Islam and the Allah Temple of Islam and since December, 1956, has been described, on a national basis, as the Nation of Islam (NOI). Individual temples of the cult generally have been called Muhammad's Temples of Islam (MTI).

Within the past year, considerable publicity has been afforded the Nation of Islam. The writings of its leader, the so-called "Messenger of Allah," Elijah Muhammad, have appeared in columns and articles in Negro newspapers; various cult leaders have made television appearances; members of the cult have become involved in incidents with police authorities; and several articles about the cult have appeared in nationally known and widely distributed news magazines.

As a result of this publicity, a confused picture of the cult has been presented to the public. Reports of the many contradictory statements made both by NOI leaders and by unenlightened writers concerning the number of followers, the violent teachings of the ministers, and the religious aspects of the cult make the current study of this amazing cult very timely.

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Recent, published estimates of the number of members in the Nation of Islam vary from 70,000 to more than 250,000. While these estimates are excessive, this study will reveal that more important than the actual number of members is the ever-present threat of violent action initiated by the members.

The teachings of Muhammad and his ministers are ambivalent in nature. On one hand, they teach the followers doctrines which inflame and incite hatred of the white race and, on the other hand, they restrain and repress them into doing nothing to violate the laws of the United States Government. Contradictory teachings of this kind produce frustrations, and frustrations very easily can express themselves in acts of violence.

Material utilized in this study has been compiled from both public and confidential sources. The public sources are identified by footnotes, while the confidential sources have been retained by this Bureau. No attempt has been made to correct or point out errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, et cetera, which appear in cult material that has been quoted.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Summary

The fanatical all-Negro cult, now called the Nation of Islam, originated in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's as the result of the preachings of one W. D. Fard who claimed he was "the Supreme Ruler of the Universe." In reality, he was an ex-convict who had served a three-year sentence at San Quentin Penitentiary for a drug violation. In the Spring of 1933, after the arrest of one of his followers who had murdered a man in a human sacrifice, Fard was ordered out of Detroit and has since completely disappeared. Fard's leadership of the cult was taken over by a Georgia-born Negro named Elijah Poole. Poole began calling himself Elijah Muhammad and explained to cult followers that Fard had been Allah himself and had appointed him the "Messenger of Allah" to lead "the so-called Negroes in the wilderness of North America" out of the slavery imposed on them by the white race.

Under Elijah Muhammad, the headquarters of the cult was moved to Chicago. From there, it has grown throughout the United States into an organization having 30 numerically designated temples and numerous other groups of cult members who hold regular meetings. Cult

members are rigidly disciplined and well-organized followers of Muhammad. They are generally uneducated Negroes whom Muhammad and his ministers, through their violent teachings, keep in a confused mental state of readiness for the "War of Armageddon," which Muhammad says is coming soon and through which he says they will go forward and destroy the white race to avenge the injustices they feel they now suffer.

Within each of Muhammad's Temples of Islam, the male members are segregated into an organization called the Fruit of Islam, and the female members, into a group called the Muslim Girls Training. Each group is organized along military lines under the leadership of a captain and several lieutenants, who maintain strict discipline at all times.

The Nation of Islam conducts two so-called universities, one at Detroit and the other at Chicago. These schools are attended by children from the age of four up to their late teens. Each temple also conducts several business enterprises and encourages its members to patronize only these businesses. Recently, increased emphasis is being placed on the expansion of the business enterprises of cult members in their respective cities.

During February of each year, the members gather at the national headquarters in Chicago for a convention. At this meeting and other meetings, rallies, and bazaars sponsored by the various temples throughout the country, Muhammad and his ministers give long, vindictive speeches against the white race and the Federal Government. These many gatherings are used as a means of both spreading the message of Muhammad and collecting donations from Negroes who attend. The Nation of Islam further publicizes its activities and teachings through Negro newspapers and its own publications.

Recently, prison inmates claiming to be followers of Muhammad have caused trouble within several penal institutions. Other members of the Nation of Islam have been involved in incidents with local law enforcement officers in some of the larger cities. Muhammad and his ministers take pride in the fearless nature of the members involved in these incidents and make constant reference to them in their speeches and writings.

Although Muhammad claims to be an adherent of the religion of Islam, the doctrines taught by him emphasize violent hatred of

the white race. Muhammad preaches that the so-called Negroes must be awakened; shown how they have been enslaved by their enemy, the "white devil"; and unified under his leadership. Thus, he says, they can gain economic independence and be able to demand land of their own from the United States Government. He claims that the Christian religion is a hoax and a tool of the white race to enslave the Negro but that soon the white race, the Government, and all Negroes who do not accept his teachings will be destroyed by Allah in the "War of Armageddon."

B. Conclusions

1. The Nation of Islam, an all-Negro organization purporting adherence to the religious principles of Islam as interpreted by Elijah Muhammad, is ostensibly dedicated to the spiritual and physical uplift of the Negroes; however, constant emphasis on the vindictive doctrines of the cult results in the propagation of hatred of the white race.

2. Elijah Muhammad, through his preachings of superiority of the "black man" and his demands for complete independence from the white race, has furnished many dissatisfied Negroes with a new pride and purpose in life through the militant and arrogant black unity within the Nation of Islam.

3. Organizationally, the Nation of Islam is a group of semiautonomous temples made up of Negroes bound together in a common resentment of the white race by the teachings of Elijah Muhammad as conveyed by his dedicated ministers.

4. The Nation of Islam is strongest in the large cities where great masses of Negroes live under very trying conditions. Followers of Muhammad, demonstrating fearless and outspoken antiwhite, anti-Christian attitudes, are bound to impress other Negroes living in these areas. Therefore, as long as racial inequity continues, the militant and arrogant manner of cult members remains a potential threat of violent action.

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I. BACKGROUND AND ORIGIN*

Around the time of the first World War, the Negroes in the Southern States became attracted to the northern industrial cities, such as Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Chicago. They believed implicitly that the North, unlike the South, presented rare opportunities to improve the economic and cultural standards of the Negro. As a result of the prevalent illiteracy among these people and the large numbers of them who immigrated to the North, possibilities for employment diminished. The depression period completely dispelled the rest of their hopes and reduced greatly their living standards. During these years, many militant and cultist groups arose which reflected the Negroes' intense desire for racial improvement and recognition and which based the position of the Negro in American society on the treatment afforded him by the white people.

One of the more violent and enduring of these groups was the Nation of Islam (NOI), known at various times as Allah's Temple of Islam, and the Muslim Cult of Islam.

A. W. D. Fard

In 1930, there appeared on the streets of Detroit a Negro peddler who, like the Arab or Syrian peddlers, went from house to house carrying

* Some of the material concerning the origin of the NOI has been taken from a well-documented study of the cult which appeared in The American Journal of Sociology, Vol. XLIII, No. 6, May, 1938.

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his wares. As he contacted his fellow Negroes in the Elmwood district of Detroit, he convinced them of his ministerial abilities. Soon informal house meetings were being held under the guidance of the peddler, known variously as W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Mr. Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Mr. Farrad Mohammed, and Mr. F. Mohammed Ali. To law enforcement authorities, he was known as Wallace Don Fard, FBI #56062, who had served a three-year sentence in San Quentin Penitentiary for violation of a narcotics law. 105-63642-26

Very little of Fard's background was ever authentically exposed, but his impressionistic adherents, overawed by the mysterious aura surrounding him, began to come forward with controversial information regarding his background. Some asserted that he was born in Mecca, the son of wealthy parents of the tribe from which Mohammed had come; that he was closely related by blood to the dynasty of the Hashimite sherifs of Mecca who became kings of the Hejaz; that he was educated at a college in England in preparation for a diplomatic career, but that he abandoned everything to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in "the wilderness of North America." 25-330971-160+encl.

Gradually there began to seep into the minds of his followers the idea that Fard was more than a man. As time passed, the idea reached the level of veneration. It appears that the surrounding air of mystery affected Fard as much

as it did his followers, for, when asked who he was by the Detroit authorities, he answered, "I am the Supreme Ruler of the Universe." 105-24822-1

When the number of Fard's followers increased to the point where private homes were no longer large enough to accommodate all who desired to hear his teachings, a temple service was begun. This first temple, originated by Fard in Detroit, is still designated as Temple Number 1 of the Nation of Islam. 25-330971-154, p.4

B. Fard Teaches Violence

Fard at first utilized the Bible, inasmuch as most of his listeners were familiar with its teachings but, as his following increased, he became more and more inflammatory in his remarks against the whites and denounced the Bible in shocking terms. Racial hatred became more pronounced than it had been in similar organizations, and it was evident that Fard was actually cementing this factor into the foundation of his organization.

Fard then introduced the Koran as the most authoritative of all texts for the study of the new faith; however, he claimed to have used only the Arabic text, which he translated and explained to his believers. His people, therefore, were completely dependent upon his interpretations.

The violence of some of the members of his organization was forcibly brought to the attention of the people of Detroit on November 21, 1932,

when the newspapers carried a bloodcurdling story of human sacrifice. A prominent member of the cult, one [redacted] somehow induced his roomer, John J. Smith, to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "the Saviour of the world." At the appointed hour of the sacrifice, [redacted] plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay waiting on the improvised altar. When [redacted] was arrested and subsequently adjudged insane, it became known that several women social workers had been slated as his next victims. 25-330971-160 encl.

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In May of 1933, local authorities ordered Fard to leave Detroit, and he has since completely disappeared. However, Fard's departure failed to bring the activities of the cult to a conclusion.

C. Elijah Muhammad

Ready, willing, and able to assume leadership of the growing cult was Elijah Poole, known variously as Gulan Bogans, Gulam Bogans, and Mohammed Rassouli, who was to become Elijah Muhammad, the present national leader of the Nation of Islam.

Elijah Poole was born in 1897 near Sandersville, Georgia, one of 13 children of Wali and Marie Poole, whose parents had been slaves of a white family with the same surname. He finished four grades in school and left

home at the age of 16 years. In 1923, he took his wife and children to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed in several manufacturing plants. During these lean years, Elijah Poole met W. D. Fard, who acquainted him with the tenets of the cult, and who, according to Poole, personally took him "out of the gutter in the streets of Detroit and taught him in three and one-half years the knowledge of Islam." 105-24882-1

After Fard left Detroit, Poole referred to himself as Elijah Muhammad. He explained to his followers the disappearance of Fard and the change in cult leadership as follows: Fard was in reality Allah himself, who left Detroit to travel to Mecca, leaving the cult in the capable hands of his apostle, Elijah Muhammad, the "Messenger of Allah."

Elijah Muhammad thereafter taught in Detroit until September, 1934, when, because of local pressure, he moved to Chicago. In Chicago, he established another temple of the cult, which remains the national headquarters of the NOI and is designated as Temple Number 2.

From Chicago, the NOI has fanned its odious doctrines across the United States.

II. ORGANIZATION

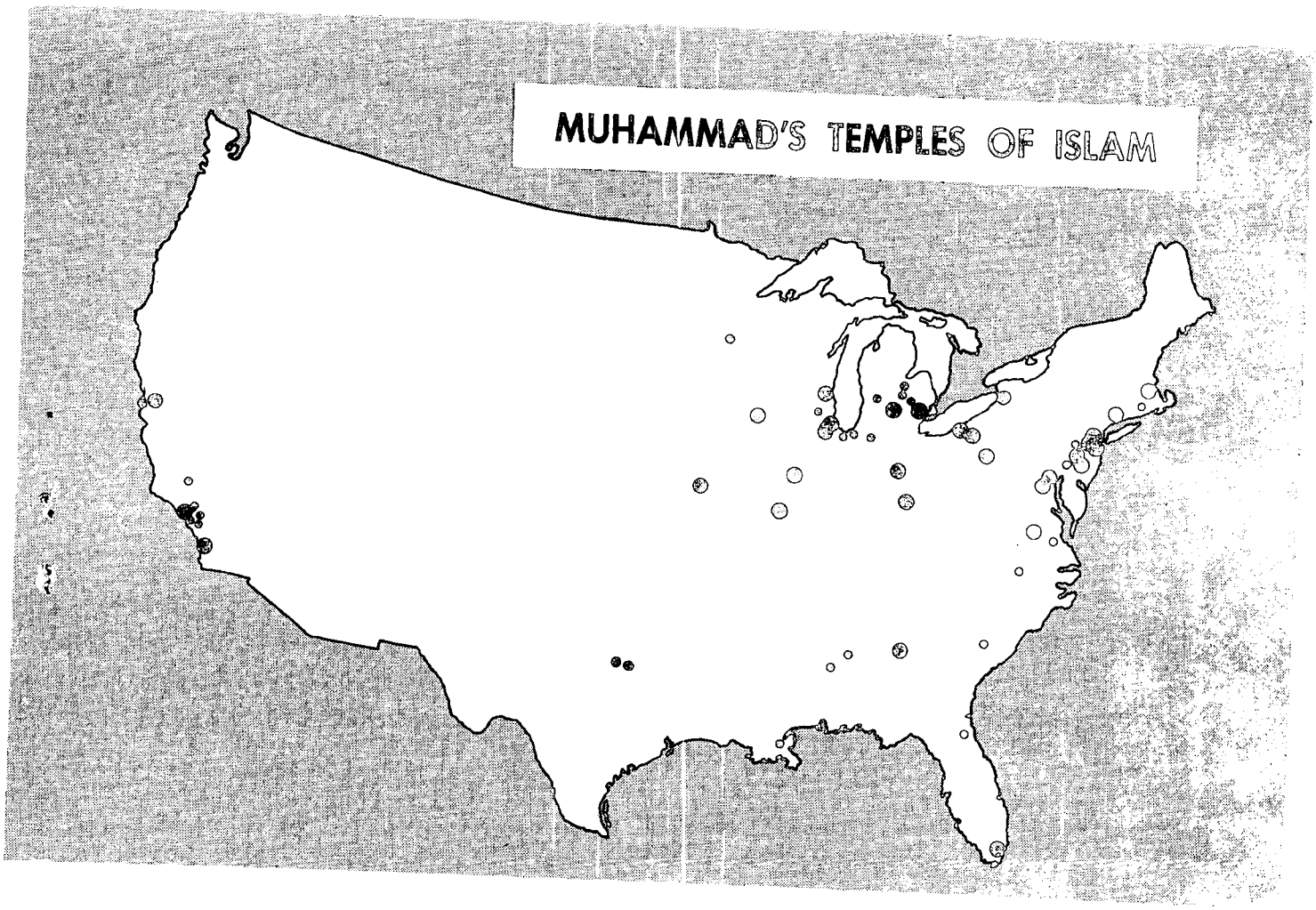
A. Muhammad's Temples of Islam (MTI)*

During the period 1934 to 1955, this cult increased the number of its temples in the United States from two to 13. In the past five years, this number has grown to 30, not counting numerous undesignated groups of Negroes who regularly meet and study the teachings of the "Messenger."

No explanation has been given for Elijah Muhammad's numbering of the temples. Some temples are numbered; others are not. When a temple becomes defunct, its number is usually reassigned to a new group. Temple Number 1 is in Detroit. Temple Number 2 is in Chicago. The rest, through Number 30, are spread throughout many areas of this country. Not all of these are vibrant centers of cult activity. Of the 30 numerically designated temples, seven have fewer than 30 active members. One has no members at all.

Actually, the most active temples are located in the following cities: Chicago, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Detroit, New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Milwaukee, and Baltimore.

* In March, 1960, Elijah Muhammad was considering changing the names of the individual temples to Muhammad's Mosques of Islam; however, as late as the end of July, no official changes were noted at Temple Number 2 or any other temple.



● NUMBERED TEMPLES

1 DETROIT, MICH.
2 CHICAGO, ILL.
3 MILWAUKEE, WIS.
4 WASHINGTON, D. C.
5 CINCINNATI, OHIO
6 BALTIMORE, MD.
7 NEW YORK, N.Y.
8 SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
9 YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
10 ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
11 BOSTON, MASS.
12 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
13 SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
14 HARTFORD, CONN.
15 ATLANTA, GA.
16 LANSING, MICH.
17 JOLIET, ILL.
18 CLEVELAND, OHIO
19 DAYTON, OHIO
20 CAMDEN, N.J.
21 JERSEY CITY, N.J.
22 PITTSBURGH, PA.
23 BUFFALO, N.Y.
24 RICHMOND, VA.
25 NEWARK, N.J.
26 OAKLAND, CALIF.
27 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
28 SAINT LOUIS, MO.
29 MIAMI, FLA.
30 KANSAS CITY, MO.

○ OTHER TEMPLES OR ACTIVE GROUPS

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.
LONG BEACH, CALIF.
LOS ANGELES (EAST SIDE), CALIF.
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
AURORA, ILL.
EAST CHICAGO, IND.
GARY, IND.
SOUTH BEND, IND.
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
FLINT, MICH.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
PONTIAC, MICH.
SAGINAW, MICH.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
TRENTON, N.J.
DURHAM, N.C.
CHESTER, PA.
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
ORANGEBURG, S.C.
DALLAS, TEX.
FORT WORTH, TEX.
NORFOLK, VA.
BELOIT, WIS.



National Headquarters of the Nation of Islam

B. Membership

As mentioned in the Preface, public estimates of total membership in the NOI have been excessive, ranging between 70,000 and 250,000 members. The secret nature of the cult makes an accurate estimate very difficult. Many casual visitors attend various cult gatherings out of curiosity; others attend rallies and only a few meetings. However, persons considered to be members are those individuals who have attended regular meetings, written their letters of application to the "Messenger of Allah," answered the required questions, given up their "slave" names, and received their "original" X names. These procedures will be discussed more fully later in this study.

Even the leaders of the NOI itself would have difficulty in ascertaining accurate membership figures at any given time because of the constant turnover of the membership. Between many of the individual temples and the Chicago headquarters, there is a lack of close communication. The ministers of the individual temples are in complete control of the members within their own temples. They suspend or expel members for numerous reasons and, as long as these members do not forward complaints directly to Elijah Muhammad and as long as the required monetary contributions from the temples are forwarded to Chicago, the national headquarters exerts little control and has little knowledge of the activities in the individual temples. Therefore, changes in the number of active members are not readily apparent.

Another reason for the difficulty in assessing true membership is described by a source who said that many individuals join the movement "to play safe and be on the books just in case that portion of the NOI teachings prove true--about the 'War of Armageddon,' when Allah is going to destroy North America and all white mankind together with all black men who are not followers of Elijah Muhammad. Upon receiving their X names, these members thereupon become inactive." 25-330971-4128, p 2

C. Officials

Elijah Muhammad (Elijah Poole) is the absolute leader of the NOI and so-called "Messenger of Allah." He is described by his followers and his press as "the bravest and boldest black man in America." While speaking before the 1960 NOI convention, he himself bragged: "I am not trembling. I am the man. I am the messenger. You should be glad to know God has raised up one in your midst who has that kind of nerve."* However, he has not always been so "brave," for, when arrested for sedition in 1942, he was located at his mother's home hiding "underneath his mother's bed wrapped in a carpet." 100-6582-55

* Mr. Muhammad Speaks, Vol. 1, No. 1, May, 1960, p. 8.



Elijah Muhammad, the so-called "Messenger of Allah" and absolute leader of the Nation of Islam

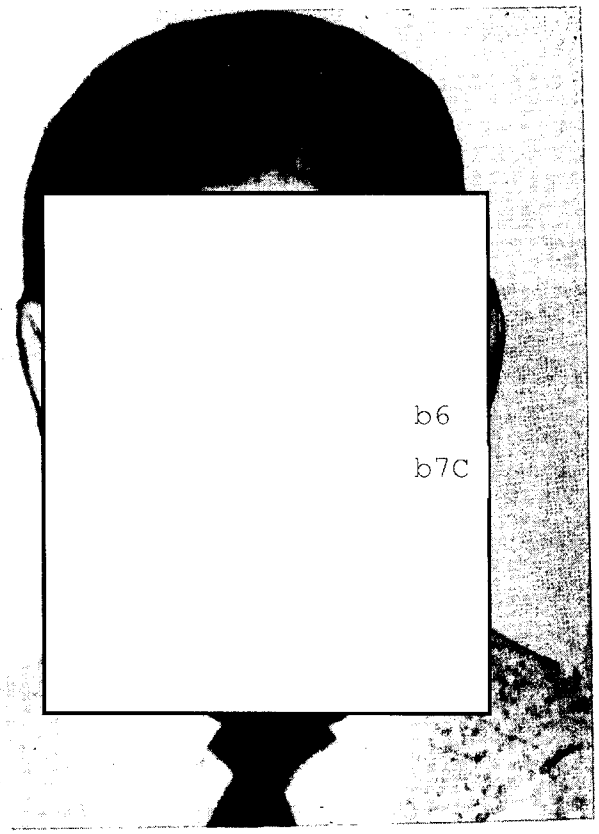


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Left to Right: Elijah Muhammad and [redacted]

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At right:



Below:
Malcolm X Little,
Minister of
New York City temple, and
Elijah Muhammad



[redacted] of the Fruit of Islam (FOI) and [redacted] Elijah Muhammad. [redacted] is a very forceful and domineering leader much feared by members of the NOI. b6 b7C

[redacted] Elijah Muhammad and travels extensively throughout the United States in furtherance of NOI activities. [redacted] has been considered by many to be the [redacted] to succeed Elijah Muhammad. [redacted] has been "free on bond pending appeal" of a three-year prison sentence he received in April, 1960, for failing to report for civilian duty at a state hospital as ordered by his draft board. 25-359752-35; 25-330971-4443 b6 b7C b6 b7C

Malcolm X Little is the Minister of MTI Number 7, New York, and acts as liaison man for Elijah Muhammad. He also travels extensively on NOI business. Many members feel that Malcolm X is "an eager beaver" who is striving to promote himself into the number one position in the NOI. From 1946 to 1952, he was imprisoned at a Massachusetts State prison on a breaking and entering conviction. Prior to this sentence, he had been a confirmed user of marijuana. 100-339321-2,15 b6 b7C

[redacted] Elijah Muhammad and has been designated as [redacted] of the NOI. [redacted] accompanied [redacted] on his recent trip to the Middle East.

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[redacted] Elijah Muhammad and acts as [redacted] of MTI Number 2. [redacted] also accompanied [redacted] on the recent trip. [redacted] Elijah Muhammad and is [redacted]

It can be seen that the family of the "Messenger of Allah" is well represented in the hierarchy of the NOI.

The number of local officers in each temple varies according to the size of the temple. Each of the ministers is supposedly appointed by Elijah Muhammad. The minister is responsible for the functioning of his respective temple and within this temple is in complete control. According to the size of the individual temple, the minister designates assistant ministers, secretaries, and investigators. Each temple also has a Captain of the FOI and the Muslim Girls Training (MGT), and each has as many lieutenants and secretaries as are needed for the particular temple.

D. Fruit of Islam (FOI)

The Fruit of Islam is composed of the male members within the Nation of Islam. Each temple has its FOI unit, which is under the leadership of a captain. The captain is assisted by as many lieutenants, secretaries, drill masters, and other officers as are necessary for the particular temple. Strict discipline is maintained at all times.

The main functions of the FOI are to protect NOI officials and property, to assure compliance of members with NOI teachings, and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon."* Recently, there has been an increased emphasis on physical training and judo practice in numerous temples. A source has advised that the so-called judo practice was merely a way of showing the men how to use foul play. One FOI captain told his members they were not taking physical training just for fun but reminded them that they were soldiers. He said they should not expect the country to surrender to the Muslims without a fight. He said there would be much "head cracking before it is over." A judo instructor in another temple recently demonstrated two "arm locks" stating "this is how to break the white devil's arms." 25-330971-4358, p.7

The FOI in some of the larger temples is divided into age groups. For instance, FOI members up to 16 years are in one group; those 16 to 35 are in another group; and those over 35, in still another. Some smaller temples have only two groups, while some include all in one group.

E. Muslim Girls Training (MGT)

Muslim Girls Training is the organization composed of the female members within each temple of the NOI. It is the female counterpart of the

*The "War of Armageddon" is described by cult members as the coming racial war through which the white man's civilization will be completely destroyed. 25-330971-4004, p52.

FOI and is similarly organized. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, "Muslim history," and "English language."

Each MGT member is supposedly bound by the following prohibitions under the "Rules or Laws of Islam":

" Do not use lipstick or makeup
Do not wear hair up unless wearing long dress
Do not smoke or drink
Do not commit adultery
Do not use pork in any form
Do not cook in aluminum utensils
Do not wear heels over 1 1/2"
Do not dance with anyone except one's husband"

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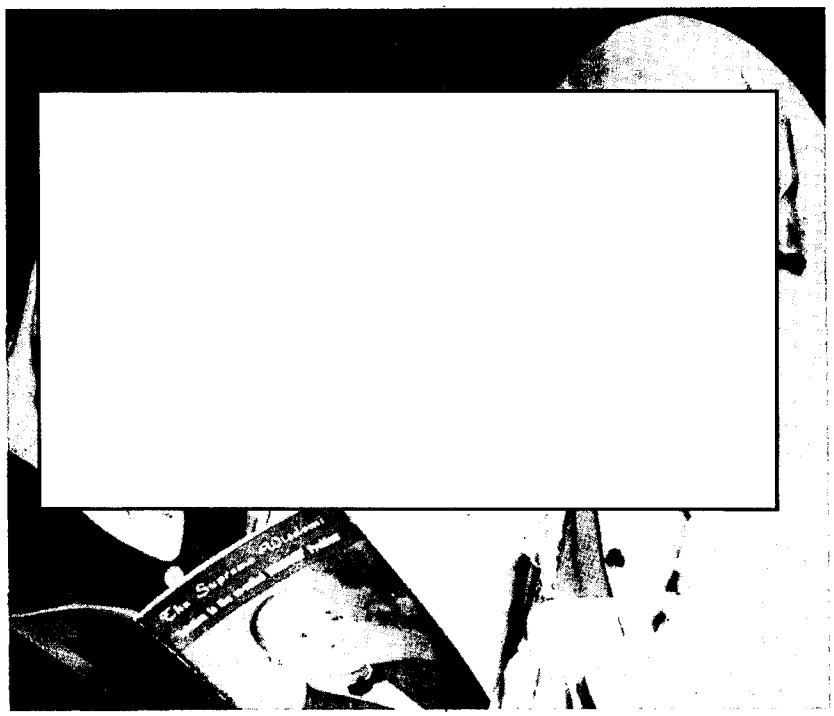
Many temples also have a Junior MGT, which is composed of the female members of the temple between 15 and 19 years of age. Prior to 1957, these younger female members of the cult were embodied in a separate group called the General Civilization Class (GCC).

F. University of Islam

The cult presently operates two schools for the children of its followers. Although the schools are named the University of Islam Number 1 in Detroit and the University of Islam Number 2 in Chicago, they are attended by children from four years of age up to their late teens. Approximately 100 students attend the Detroit school, and about 300 attend the Chicago school.



University of Islam Number 2, Chicago, is adjacent to the temple



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Typical students of University of Islam

The Detroit school, over the years, has had considerable difficulties with local authorities. In 1934, the Detroit Board of Education noted that children of certain Negro families were being withdrawn from the public schools. An investigation which was instituted by the Board revealed that the families involved were members of this cult and that the children missing from the schools were attending the University of Islam, a school which had been established by the cult. An immediate examination of the school was made, and it revealed that the "curriculum, the teaching staff, and the equipment were entirely inadequate to afford even the most rudimentary education for the colored children who were attending. Not only was the school inadequate, but the subject matter which was taught appeared to be of a fantastic nature quite outside the realities of life." Attempts which were made to close the school by the enforcement of the school attendance laws resulted in strengthening the resistance of the cult, causing it and the school to operate in secrecy. A final decision of the Board resolved to refrain from rigid enforcement of the attendance laws and to assist "in adjusting the underlying economic and social problems of other Negro families of the same class in order that the movement may not spread; and to ignore temporarily the irritating 'bumptiousness' of this particular group." 25-330971-160 encl.

The most recent difficulty occurred in August, 1959, when the Detroit school was ordered closed by the local Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering. City officials advised there was a definite fire hazard, as all classes had been taught in one dimly lighted room which had inadequate exits. The cult never had obtained a permit to operate the building as a school.

The Detroit school, however, is again operating. It is located in a different building which was contracted for by the cult supposedly on money advanced by Elijah Muhammad. In December, 1959, an inspection of the school, by state and school board officials, determined that the minimum state requirements were being met. 25-330971-4275

Children of NOI members are expected to attend the cult schools instead of the "devils'" or white men's schools. A tuition plan is in effect at the University of Islam Number 2. For each family sending children to the school, the weekly fee is one dollar for the first child and 50 cents each for the second, third, and fourth child. All other children from the same family attend free. There is an additional fee for those children using the bus operated by the cult to transport students to the school.

Recent pamphlets issued by the cult reveal that Elijah Muhammad required that the education and training of the children must not be limited to the "three R's." He constantly teaches that "the so-called Negro, who has

been the victim of centuries of mis-education, needs to be re-educated to attain his rightful place in the sun as a Black Man."* Therefore, the curricula of the Universities also include such subjects as the history of the Black Nation, the civilizations of man, knowledge of the universe, and "all the sciences." Some subjects, as listed in a cult pamphlet for the benefit of "advanced students," are startling to nonmembers. For example, "Ending the Spook Civilization," "The Historical Display of Spook Civilization for 6000 Years," and "Chronological History from 13,000 B. C. to 1963."** Other examples of the "scientific" subject matter taught in the cult can be found in the Appendices. 25-330971-4087 encl. behind file

In a television interview during the past year, the minister of the New York temple described how children of cult members were taught hatred of the white people. This minister said, "You can go to any small 'Muslim' child and ask him where is hell or who is the devil and he wouldn't tell you that hell is down in the ground or that the devil is something invisible that you can't see. He'll tell you hell is right where he has been catching it and he'll tell you the one who is responsible for him having received this hell is the devil." The devil is the white man to members of the cult. 25-330971-3834, p.6 This is the type of education which the children of cult members are subjected to in NOI schools.

*Annual Convention brochure, The University of Islam, Chicago, Ill. (undated)
**Islam on the March, 16-page NOI pamphlet (no publisher or date shown)

In addition to the two universities of the cult, some of the larger temples also conduct adult education programs. During the Spring of 1959, the New York temple adult education program listed courses in the following: penmanship, proper food preparation, spelling, learning and improving reading, great Black Man's history, physics without mathematics, and so forth.

G. Business Enterprises

Elijah Muhammad preaches that his followers must constantly strive for the unification of the so-called Negroes, under his leadership, to achieve complete economic independence from the white man. Thus, he has encouraged them to operate business enterprises and has urged all of his followers to trade exclusively at these places of business. Most of the enterprises utilize the name of the temple in their titles, for example, Temple Number 2 Restaurant, Temple Number 2 Grocery and Market, and so forth.

As of the Spring of 1960, the business enterprises and property of the temple in Chicago included the temple building and school, valued in excess of $250,000; the home of Elijah Muhammad; a bakery; a dress shop, a cleaner's and laundry; a grocery store; a restaurant; a barber shop; several apartment buildings; and a 160-acre farm located in Michigan. Although other temples do not have as extensive holdings as the Chicago temple, many other temples also have businesses which are operated for the benefit of the NOI.

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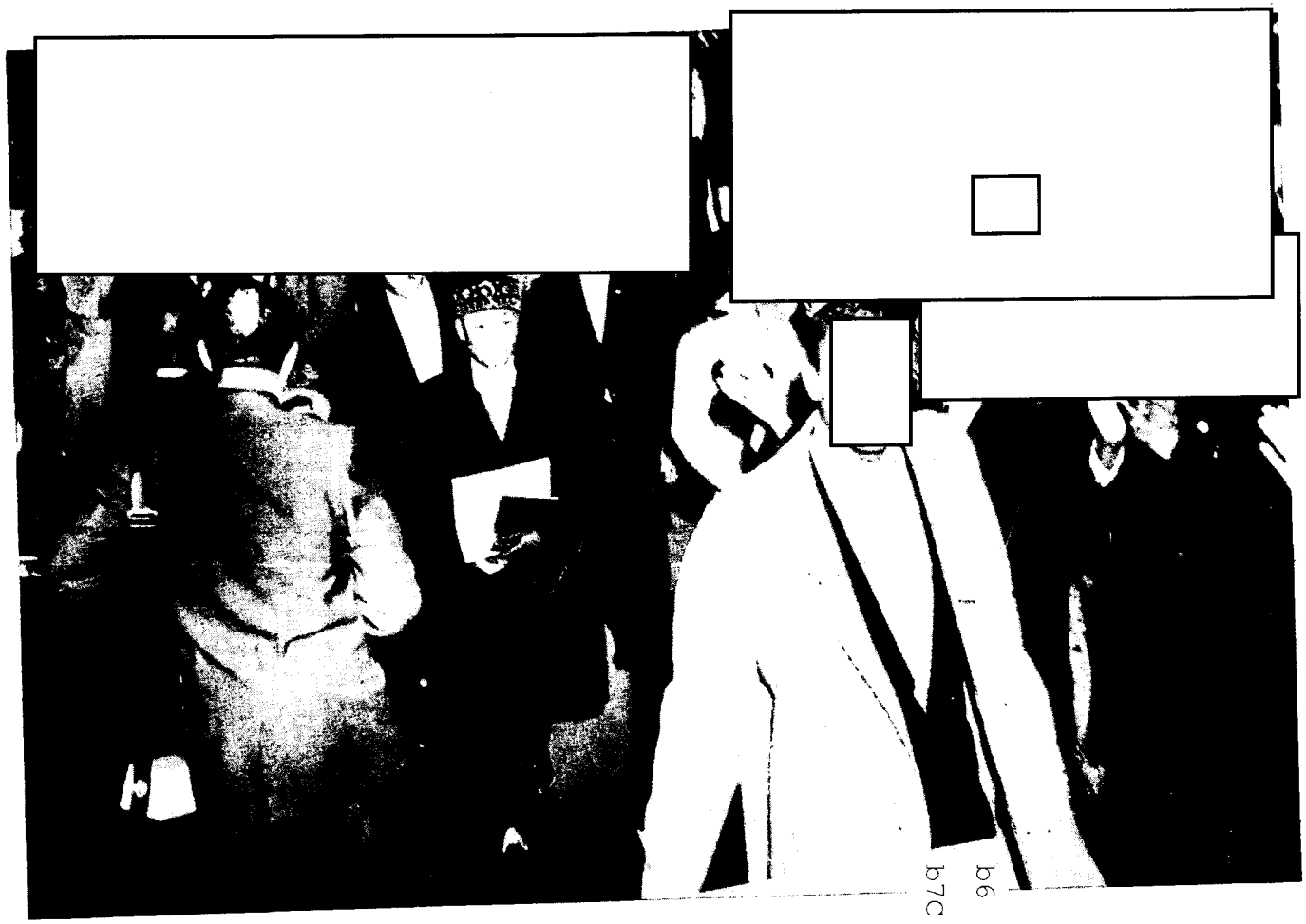








Some of Business Enterprises of MTI Number 2



Elijah Muhammad at the 1959 annual Chicago convention, being preceded down the aisle by FOI Captain Raymond Sharrieff

During the annual convention of the cult at Chicago in February, 1960, a special closed meeting was held for leaders from the various temples. These leaders were ordered to start their own businesses in their respective cities and were advised to contact businessmen in their own localities for assistance. Muhammad is currently placing the economic independence of his followers foremost in importance, and he demands that all temples immediately concentrate on establishing businesses of their own.

III. CONVENTIONS, BAZAARS, AND "FEASTS"

A. Recent Conventions

Each year on February 26, and usually for a day or two before or after the 26th, the NOI holds its annual convention in Chicago. The term "convention," when applied to these meetings, is a misnomer. Although many members from temples throughout the country attend these conventions, they do not act as delegates from their areas; they transact no business and have no vote. Instead, the convention is merely a group of sessions at which the various NOI ministers shout their praises for the "Messenger of Allah," Elijah Muhammad. One after another, these ministers take the rostrum to eulogize and extol Muhammad. In addition, several times during the convention, Muhammad appears to deliver long and verbose messages, emphasizing mainly hatred for the white race and his claim of the superiority of the "black people." He also uses the opportunity to repeat his strong pleas for more and greater contributions to the increasing number of projects he constantly proposes in his efforts to build his power.

The most recent convention was held at the Chicago Coliseum from February 26 to 28, 1960. The newspapers which usually carry items on the NOI reported that the "Messenger's" main topic at this convention was to be his impressions of his recent alleged trip to Mecca. However, little was said of what he saw, other than his claim that he saw a sign outside the city of Mecca which warned nonbelievers to enter with the risk of losing their heads. Mainly,

he tried to impress his followers by describing the warm reception he had received from those in authority at every place he visited. He claimed that he did not have to announce who he was, as they had already heard of him and knew all about him; that he was offered a home in Egypt; and that he and his followers were welcome there at any time.

During these conventions, the NOI misses no opportunity to extract a profit from members who attend from temples out of the Chicago area. During the 1959 convention, visiting members were required to register at the University of Islam and to pay a $5.00 registration fee. They were required to contribute $5.00 per day to the Housing Committee at the University of Islam, which in turn found lodging for the members. They also were expected to attend a bazaar held in connection with the convention, were expected to eat their meals at the NOI cafeteria, were expected to have their cars serviced in the NOI garage and service station, and were expected to visit and make purchases at the NOI bakery and grocery.

B. Bazaars

In connection with the annual conventions, the Chicago temple of the NOI also holds a bazaar, the 1960 one being called the "Unity Bazaar." Members of the Chicago temple were required to purchase a certain number of tickets to the bazaar, which they were expected to resell

at $1.00 each. Each FOI member was required to buy 40 tickets and each MGT member 20, and these had to be paid for by the members whether or not they were able to resell them all.

The bazaar consisted of displays of the various Chicago cult-owned businesses, as well as those of other Chicago Negro-operated businesses. Sales were made from the exhibits of craftwork, furniture, clothing, appliances, and foods, with the profits being shared between the exhibitors and the NOI.

After the bazaar, it was revealed that nonmember exhibitors complained that even though they had rented space for their exhibits, they and their helpers were required to pay the $1.00 admission charge to enter the bazaar. The cult refused to allot space to any company in which white people were employed. One record shop that had rented space was allowed to sell only records of Negro artists.

Throughout the year, other temples often hold bazaars in their own localities as a means of raising additional money for the NOI.

C. "Feasts" and Rallies

Many of the larger NOI temples hold annual "feasts" or rallies which are attended by members from the surrounding temples. Elijah Muhammad speaks at many of these "feasts"; however, when he is unable to appear, his place is taken by one of his sons or one of the more prominent ministers. Two of the most publicized "feasts" during the year 1959 took place in Washington, D. C., and New York City.

On May 31, approximately 5,000* members and visitors gathered for a so-called "Spiritual Feast" at Uline Arena in Washington, D. C. Among those in attendance were ministers and captains representing 25 NOI temples. Automobiles and more than 30 chartered buses were used to transport members from Boston, Newark, New York, Norfolk, the Carolinas, and other areas. Elijah Muhammad spoke for over three hours in his usual violent, antiwhite manner. He called for complete segregation of the white and black races and reiterated his desire that the Federal Government furnish the Nation of I slam several states in order that it could set up its own nation. Upon completion of the service at Uline Arena, approximately 2,000 of the members moved to a rented hall, where they partook of a cafeteria-type meal.

A rally which was held at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City on July 26 completely filled the arena and forced many of the estimated 9,000 to 10,000 persons attending the affair to stand on the streets outside the arena. Elijah Muhammad declared he was anxious to speak out in defense of the NOI in order to counteract the charges made earlier in the month on a New York television show which charged him with preaching hate. Muhammad claimed he was not preaching hate but was telling the truth to his followers when he said the white man was the "devil."

*Newspapers which normally carry NOI news erroneously claim the attendance was 10,000 persons.

All of the conventions, bazaars, rallies, and "feasts" are utilized by Muhammad not only to raise funds, but also to attract public attention to the NOI and to enhance his personal appeal to the uneducated masses of Negro people.

During July, 1960, Muhammad became very much concerned over many recent accusations appearing in the public press, both Negro and white, stating the NOI was a "Black Ku Klux Klan." In his attempt to placate the press and obtain more "favorable publicity," Muhammad announced a new policy of allowing white persons to be admitted to public NOI rallies. This new policy, however, still did not permit white persons to enter the regular, routine temple meetings.

The first "open" rally held at the Chicago Coliseum on July 24, as one member of the press reported, was attended by only "a mere handful" of white persons. The following week at New York City, Muhammad spoke at another "open" rally which was attended by only "about ten" white persons. The apparent fact that Muhammad's early efforts with his new policy have not measurably improved his popularity with the press is shown by one reporter's concluding statement: "Sensing that the messenger of Allah, who had been speaking for an hour, was just warming up to his subject, I left." 25-330971-4540, 4530, Sub A

IV. FINANCES AND BUILDING PROGRAM

A. Funds

Public statements of NOI officials, as well as information set forth in numerous NOI publications, declare that the funds needed by the NOI to maintain the "Messenger," his family, and the ministers and to rent and operate temple properties stem mainly from the contributions of the members. These contributions have been augmented by various activities of the members to raise additional funds; namely, the sale of newspapers, the operation of various business enterprises of the individual temples, and numerous bazaars and "feasts" held by NOI members.

The collection of members' donations to the numerous funds or treasuries at the various temples appears to be one of the most important functions of the many meetings which all members are required to attend. Considerable time at each meeting is also taken up by the temple officers in their efforts to encourage and stimulate greater donations from the members in attendance.

One leader from among the American followers of the orthodox Islamic teachings has revealed that he considers Elijah Muhammad to be nothing more than a confidence man who "preyed upon the emotions and pocketbooks of the noneducated and ignorant Negro people for the financial gain of Elijah Muhammad and his henchmen." 105-24822-32

Recent incidents reveal NOI thinking on the importance of financial matters:

> An MGT captain was having trouble with a member who was too inquisitive about where all of the money went when everyone donated to all of the causes and drives they so often had. The MGT captain inquired of Elijah Muhammad as to what she should do. Muhammad advised her to dismiss anyone who asked too many questions. 105-24822-41, p. 25
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> MTI Number 2 members were advised that no member should have a bank account and that all excess money owned by the members should be given to the temple in order to spread the word of Islam and to help in the purchase of new buildings. Also, they were advised that they should obtain loans to meet their financial obligations to the temple. 25-330971-2743, p 48
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> While urging all members to contribute to the next annual convention, the Supreme Captain of the FOI told those present that they could sacrifice for the temple and let the "white devil" down if they were paying for a car or for furniture; that it was all right to tell the "white devil" any lie. 25-330971-3676, p 7
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> An FOI captain told his members that Elijah Muhammad did not want members who could not donate, "fish" (bring in prospective members), or sell papers. He said a true follower of Muhammad must donate heavily to help support the temple. 25-330971-3944, p 8
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> A temple minister sent a letter to all members of his temple advising in part: "Work cheerfully, have no fear, and do not be afraid to sacrifice. It takes finance to advance; in other words, it takes bread to get ahead, and if you want to go (make progress), you got to have dough. Don't be afraid to give; Allah is ever aware of those who spend in the cause of truth. Give, Give, Give until it hurts." 25-330971-4095, p 4

One must wonder at the ability of the followers of the "Messenger," who are generally poor and relatively uneducated Negroes, to continually donate to the numerous funds of the temples. Because of the NOI practice of rarely utilizing

banking facilities and conducting nearly all financial transactions in cash, little is known on these matters. However, the steady growth of the cult reveals they have had certain success in obtaining the necessary funds.

One of the most unusual methods of collecting funds from cult members was used in the New York temple during the Summer of 1959. At an FOI meeting, the members were weighed, and those considered overweight were assessed one penny for each pound they were overweight.

The names of the funds to which donations are made differ somewhat among the various temples. As a result, there is general confusion among the members as to the uses of the numerous funds, but the following are some of these funds to which members must contribute:

1. Funds Which Are Sent to National Headquarters

Number 2 Poor Treasury and the Central Point Fund--These are two separate funds to which members of the different temples donate varying amounts. The monies are completely under the control of Elijah Muhammad to dispose of as he sees fit.

Savior's Day Gift Fund--This is an annual fund through which the temples vie with each other in trying to raise the largest amount of money as a gift to Elijah Muhammad. This is given to Muhammad

during the Annual Convention each year on February 26, the supposed birthday of the founder of the NOI, W. D. Fard.

Laborers' Travel Fund--To this fund, maintained at MTI Number 2, all temples furnish money so that a leader, usually a son of Elijah Muhammad, can act as a courier between various temples in order to transmit messages and money from these temples to Chicago. The purpose is to furnish these couriers with money to allow them to travel independently--without employment.

Public Relations Fund--This fund is to collect money in order that Elijah Muhammad and his followers might at some future date start a newspaper of their own. At present, some of the money in this fund is used to maintain relations with newspapers friendly to the NOI, such as the weekly Negro newspapers, the Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch and the New Jersey Herald News.

Mosque Fund or Number 2 Land Fund--This fund contains the collections from the various temples which are used to make payments on the land to be used in building the proposed 20-million-dollar educational center and hospital in Chicago.

New Car Fund--This fund is used to replace the Cadillac cars utilized by Elijah Muhammad and his family.

2. Funds Which Are Kept for Use at the Local Temples

The funds collected by the individual temples vary considerably in number and purpose. The following list sets forth some of the funds collected for local use:

General Treasury
New Temple Fund
Minister's Trip Fund
Insurance Fund
Equipment Fund
Minister's Treasury
Temple Rent
Minister's Rent
Farm Fund
FOI Treasurer
FOI Captain Fund
MGT Captain Fund
School Fund
Bus Maintenance
Summer Canning Fund

B. Proposed Center in Chicago

During the February, 1958, NOI Convention at Chicago, Elijah Muhammad first publicly announced his plans for the building of an educational, industrial, and religious center. The center was to contain a mosque (temple), a university, and other buildings of most modern architecture. Muhammad said he would need approximately three and one-half million dollars. He included this proposed center as a part of his "Blueprint for the Black men in America."

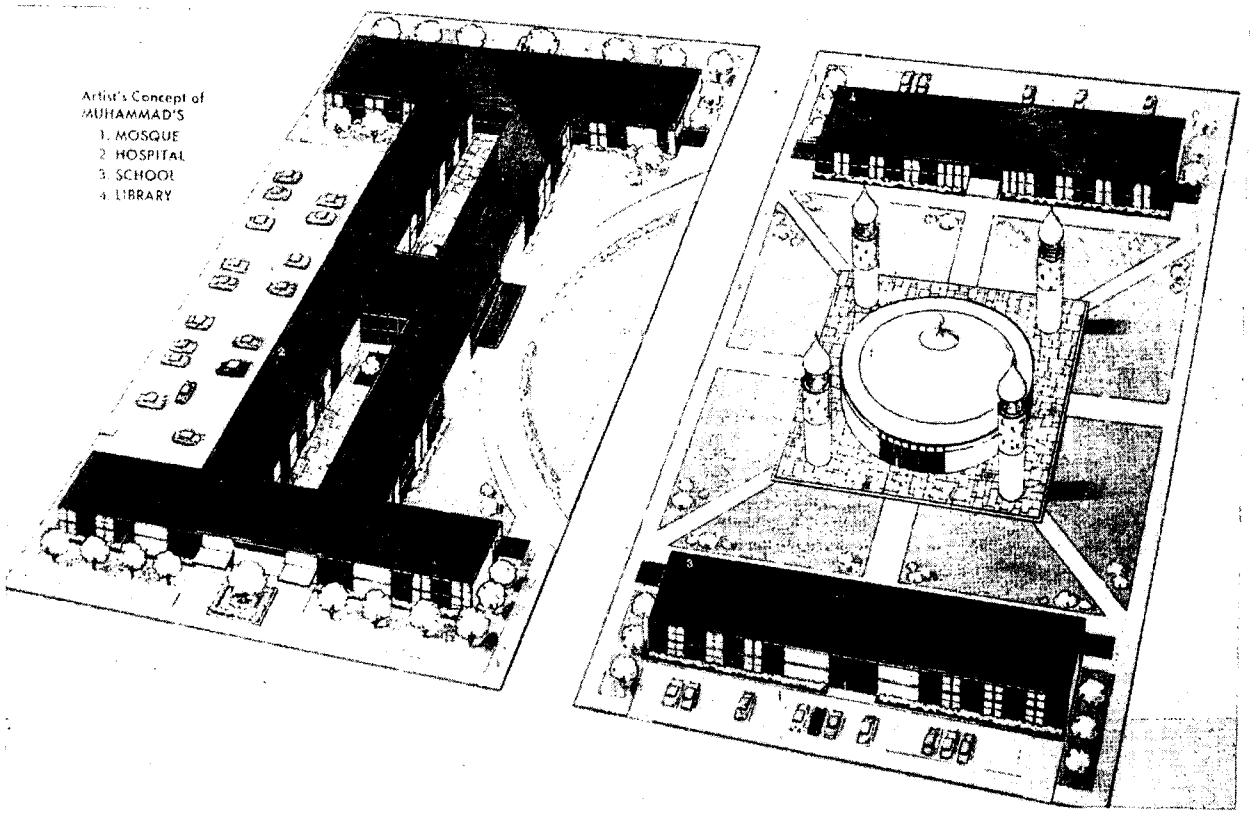
At the 1959 NOI Convention, Muhammad again made a strong plea for funds to further the plans for the new center which he said was to be built at 85th and South Park Avenue in Chicago. By this time, the amount

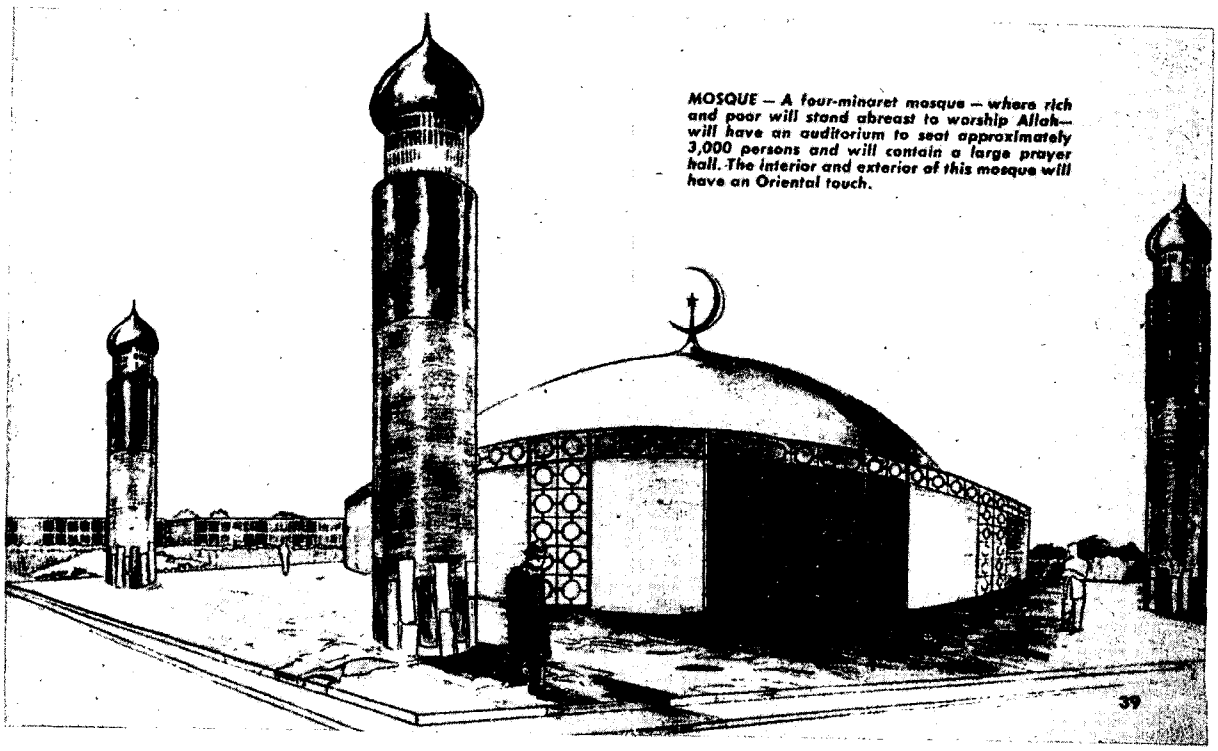
he requested had considerably increased. Persons attending the convention were given pamphlets containing a personal message from Muhammad, stating in part, "...we are now looking forward to build a Community Center. In the great task of building this monument for all of us in America, $20,000,000 is needed." The pamphlet described the mosque, educational institute, library, and hospital which will be included in the new center, along with restaurants and shops.

Just recently, an article written by Muhammad stated that the land for the new center has now been purchased. He also stated that part of the money being collected toward the center will be used to purchase farm land, modern equipment, and livestock to further the economic independence of cult members in the Chicago area.

C. Proposed New Temple Building in Washington, D. C.

The Washington, D. C., temple of the NOI has purchased land and has built up a considerable fund for building a new temple. In April, 1960, actual construction began on this building, which is expected to cost about $100,000. The minister of MTI Number 4 has said this would be the first new temple ever built by the NOI in the United States. All other temples now in use are old buildings converted for use as temples. MTI Number 4 members were advised late in 1959 that Elijah Muhammad had loaned the temple $10,000 and that it must be paid back; therefore, each member was expected to contribute $4.00 per month to repay the loan. 105-24822-76, p 33





Proposed $20,000,000 Center in Chicago

V. PUBLICITY AND RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS

A. Publicity

Elijah Muhammad has not overlooked the importance of publicity in his promotion of the NOI. During the Summer of 1957, the NOI formed a Public Relations Committee. The duties of this committee have been to handle press releases, advertising, advice to ministers of local temples, and the preparation and distribution of educational material. Many individual temples also have their own Public Relations Committees.

An article in a recent NOI pamphlet, published by the minister of the New York temple, contains an article entitled "The Power of the Press... The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword!" Excerpts from this article reveal the importance being placed upon the Negro press by the NOI:

> "The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword. The weapon you should be able to rely upon most is the Negro Press. Therefore, you would be wise to keep it in good condition: strong, well-loaded, independent and ready."
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> "...The Negro Press is our only medium of voicing the true plight of our oppressed people to the world."
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"Examine each of the different 'Negro' papers, then support the one you find to be the most fearless, uncompromising, and outspoken in behalf of our downtrodden people."

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"The Pen Is Mightier Than the Sword. The best way for those who are interested in The Messenger's teachings and his program, to keep up to date, and get the best understanding is by subscribing to the...papers."*

The pamphlet from which the above quotation was taken described four Negro newspapers which then carried items on the NOI and/or articles written by Elijah Muhammad.

The most prominently mentioned newspaper was the Pittsburgh Courier, in which the "Messenger's" column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks," appeared regularly from June, 1956, until August, 1959. A brief explanation of the technique of the NOI concerning the use of this paper will reveal how Negro newspapers are used, not only as a means of recruiting members, but also as a means of raising additional funds for the NOI.

1. Pittsburgh Courier

This Negro newspaper, established in 1910, is published weekly in several editions for various cities and areas throughout the whole country. The Courier's circulation averages about 130,000 copies weekly.

*The Messenger Magazine, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1959, page 20.

In June, 1956, when the Courier first started running Elijah Muhammad's column, the management of the paper realized this column would be controversial but thought that it might create reader interest. In addition, Elijah Muhammad guaranteed the owner of the newspaper that he would require all members of his organization to become salesmen of the Courier, which would increase its circulation by several thousands of copies each week. There was a sizable increase in circulation soon after the column began. This was accomplished as a result of all NOI members being forced to buy a certain number of copies each week. The members were then supposed to get their money back by reselling the papers. Subsequent changes in the financial arrangements between Muhammad and the management of the paper were worked out, all of which increased the income of the NOI. By early 1958, the NOI was reportedly subscribing to 100,000 copies weekly and receiving a commission of from $500 to $625 per month plus an additional two cents per copy for sales over a certain number.

This arrangement proved beneficial to both parties until the NOI began to use "pressure tactics" in further attempts to get higher commissions. The NOI attempted this by suddenly cutting their subscriptions from 100,000 to 12,000 copies weekly. Because this would have proved ruinous to the paper, which was in poor financial condition, the Courier was forced to agree

to higher commissions. As time went on, the difficulties continued. After many NOI temples failed to pay for their papers and the NOI made demands for more and more space in each issue, the paper cancelled Muhammad's column in August, 1959. Thereupon, NOI members immediately stopped selling the Courier, and were ordered to concentrate on selling the Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, which the members of many temples had already been selling along with the Courier.

25-330971-3226, p. 35; 4128, p. 12

2. Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch

This Negro weekly newspaper was established in 1952 and has a circulation of approximately 30,000 copies. The publisher and his wife, who acts as editor, are both NOI members. Since October, 1958, a staff writer, also an NOI member, has written a column in support of the NOI. For approximately six months during the latter part of 1957 and early 1958, and regularly since January, 1959, issues of this paper have carried Elijah Muhammad's column. Every one of Muhammad's columns closes with: "Hurry and join onto your own kind. The time of this world is at hand. Write to: Muhammad's Temple* Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois." Elijah Muhammad and his followers have been more successful in controlling this paper than they were the Courier. Both the editor and his wife have visited Muhammad in Chicago, have joined the NOI, and have allowed NOI members to become the paper's representatives in various sections of the country.

*Since the May 19, 1960, issue of paper, the word "mosque" has replaced "temple" in Muhammad's column. However, other papers reprinting Muhammad's column continue to use "temple."

3. Other Newspapers and Publications

In addition to the above-mentioned newspapers, articles concerning the NOI and columns by NOI leaders have appeared on numerous occasions in the New York Amsterdam News,* the New Jersey Herald News,* the St. Louis Argus,* and the Afro-American.* Articles favorable to Elijah Muhammad and the NOI also have appeared in the publications, Ebony* and the Moslem World and the U.S.A.* The effort expended by NOI members in selling the publications mentioned above can be shown by the commissions paid to the NOI by Ebony magazine. In the Spring of 1958, NOI officials and the publishers of Ebony made arrangements for NOI members to sell annual subscriptions to the magazine. Part of the money from each sale was forwarded to the publishers, and the remainder was retained by the NOI. From May to September, 1958, Ebony publishers paid commissions of more than $13,000 for the sale of nearly 8,000 magazine subscriptions by members of the Chicago NOI temple. 25-330971-3562, p. 58

In March, 1960, The New Crusader, a weekly Negro newspaper published in Chicago, started to regularly carry Muhammad's column, as well as other articles about the NOI. As with other papers,

*The New York Amsterdam News, New Jersey Herald News, and St. Louis Argus are Negro weekly newspapers; the Afro-American, national issue, is a Negro semiweekly newspaper; Ebony magazine is a Negro monthly; and Moslem World and the U.S.A. is not now in publication, but this magazine was irregularly published as an attempt, according to the editor, to promote understanding between Islam and the West.

Muhammad Speaks to the Black Man--The first issue is a 24-page pocket-size publication which is expected to be issued semi-monthly from Chicago. The magazine, self-described as "The Magazine that Dares to Tell the Truth," contains two articles by Muhammad and articles by other NOI members. All articles are in keeping with the NOI tactic of ridiculing the white man and those Negroes favoring integration of the races, while heaping praise on Muhammad and his followers.

C. Travel of NOI Leaders

Although Elijah Muhammad, several of his sons, and a few of the leading ministers travel constantly visiting and speaking at the various temples throughout the United States, it was just recently that the "Messenger" completed a long-planned trip to the Middle East and an alleged pilgrimage to Mecca. His main purpose in making the trip, it is believed, was so that he could gain publicity and thereby help in his efforts to achieve an aura of respectability for his teachings and to impress his followers and the general public.

Throughout the year 1959, all members of the NOI were solicited for donations for the proposed trip of the "Messenger." In July, Malcolm X, the minister of the New York temple, travelled to the Middle East "to act as a goodwill ambassador for Elijah Muhammad" and to arrange for meetings between Muhammad and Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of Egypt and the

United Arab Republic, and other leaders. It appears that Malcolm X accomplished little, for on his return, he stated that he had not visited Mecca, as planned, and had not met Nasser.

Elijah Muhammad continued to make plans and announced that [redacted] would accompany him on his trip. In preparation for taking numerous photographs of his father and various Arabian leaders, Muhammad's [redacted] purchased nearly $1,500 worth of equipment, including a Polaroid camera, 100 magazines of movie film, 200 rolls of 35-millimeter color film, and 50 rolls of black and white film for a reflex camera. b6 b7C

Muhammad and his two sons began their airplane trip at New York City on November 21, and the NOI laid plans for a triumphal meeting in early February, 1960, at Los Angeles upon completion of the round-the-world trip. During the trip, Muhammad continued his column in the Herald-Dispatch with articles date-lined from the various cities that he visited. He described places he had visited and continually stressed the wonderful reception he received at each stop. Late in December, according to his column, he and his sons visited both Mecca and Medina.

Although Muhammad was supposed to travel around the world and arrive in Los Angeles early in February, 1960, he and his two sons suddenly arrived back in New York City on January 6, 1960. No explanation, as yet, has been made for this change of plans.

D. Recruiting Methods

While the publicity resulting from newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, and throwaways, as well as conventions, bazaars, "feasts," and the travel of cult leaders, has aided the NOI in becoming better known throughout the country, Elijah Muhammad and his cult leaders have resorted to numerous techniques designed to add new followers to this growing cult.

Probably the most important of these was inaugurated by Muhammad during the Summer of 1958. At a meeting of cult leaders in Muhammad's home, he announced that he had decided to "de-emphasize" the religious aspects of his teachings and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. Muhammad stated that, in changing this emphasis, he felt the Negro would show a keener interest in the program which would improve his everyday life, rather than in a program which would change his religious views so completely.

This policy change is shown in articles by Muhammad which set forth his so-called "Economic Blue Print for the Black Man." Muhammad stated the so-called Negroes in America must stop looking toward the white man for justice and jobs and should take the following steps:

"1. Recognize the necessity for unity and group operation (activities).

"2. Pool your resources; physically as well as financially.

"3. Stop wanton criticism of everything that is black-owned and black operated.

"4. Keep in mind--Jealousy Destroys From Within.

"5. Observe the operations of the White Man. He is successful. He makes no excuses for his failures. He works hard--in a collective manner. You do the same.

"6. Spend your money with your own kind."*

At various times, the NOI has emphasized concerted efforts toward the recruitment of the more intelligent and educated Negro and, at other times, this emphasis is placed on the illiterate and dissatisfied Negro. While in the past, all teaching of NOI ministers was designed to inflame and agitate the followers, through the years the teaching has been softened so that, at least during the meetings open to visitors, it is not as inflammatory.

Members of all temples regularly engage in "fishing" for the "dead" as a method of gaining recruits. "Fishing" consists of going out into the streets prior to meetings in an attempt to bring the "dead," nonmembers, into the temple. For example, all FOI members of the Washington temple are required to "fish" on Sundays from ten in the morning until two o'clock, when the meetings begin.

*Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, Chicago edition, January 9, 1960.

E. Membership Procedures

Those persons desiring membership in the NOI are required to follow certain procedures before they are considered full-fledged members. While there are some exceptions, the following steps are those generally required of new members.

A prospective member is first given the following letter which he is to copy in his own handwriting. In the event an error appears in the handwritten letter, it will be returned from Chicago with a request that the applicant rewrite the application.

"Address
City and State
Date

"Mr. W. F. Muhammad
4847 So. Woodlawn Ave.
Chicago 15, Illinois

"Dear Savior Allah, Our Deliverer:

I have been attending the teachings of Islam by one of your Ministers, two or three times. I believe in It, and I bear witness that there is no God But Thee, and that Muhammad is Thy Servant and Apostle. I desire to reclaim my Own. Please give me my Original name. My slave name is as follows:

Name
Address
City and State"

Upon acceptance of the application, a letter is directed to the applicant enclosing question forms to be answered. Accompanying these forms is the request that if the applicant is married, the spouse should sign his or her name and if under 18 years of age, the parents should sign. The question forms are as follows:

"Question form number 1.

"All questions must be answered correctly - 100% - By all who accept Islam (Please fill out yourself, use ink)

"1. Are you married? . . .
2. Are you living together at the present time? . . .
3. Have you a marriage license? . . .
4. Do you have children? . . .
5. Are you divorced? . . .
6. Have you divorce papers? . . .
7. Please state names and ages of your children under 'Remarks'
8. Sign the enclosed form - 'Declaration of His or Her Own.'

"Remarks:"

"Application for the Declaration of His or Her Own

"Name
Address
City State
(Above filled in when form received)

Father's Name
Address
City State

Mother's Name
Address
City State

Husband or Wife's full name
Address
City State

Husband
Wife

On this _____ day of _____ 19_____"

Included with the above forms are several lists of "facts" and a list of ten questions, called the "student enrollment." The "student enrollment" questions must be correctly answered and mailed to Chicago before the applicant receives his official "X" name.

The minister of the New York temple has explained the use of the "X" name as follows:

> "During slavery, the slaves were known as Sam, John, Luke, George, etc. All were known as Jones' slaves, Smith's slaves, or whatever the last name might have been. Since the original names had long been dropped along with 'our' culture and religion, 'we' took our masters' name after we were freed. When you become a member, your slave name is dropped and you are given an 'X' until your real name is given back." 25-330971-3559, p 24

Within each temple, for example, the first man named John receiving his X name would be John X, the next would be John 2X, and so forth. Several temples having a large membership have gone as high as 17X in assigning numbers to members with the same given name. 25-330971-4315, p 19

After completing the enrollment requirements, the successful applicant is usually introduced at a regular NOI meeting and requested to answer several questions and make a short speech before the group telling why he is "happy" to be an NOI member.

VI. SECURITY MEASURES AND DISCIPLINE

A. Meetings

All NOI temples conduct two types of meetings, those open to the general public and those conducted for members only. The number and frequency of these meetings vary considerably. The regularity of attendance by the members also varies among the individual temples. In some temples, members are required to attend all meetings. At these temples, a member who is unable to attend must call the temple before the beginning of the meeting to furnish an acceptable excuse. Nonacceptable excuses result in temporary suspension. Other temples require attendance at only one or two meetings a week.

Several of the larger temples conduct meetings every night of the week, with both afternoon and evening sessions during the weekends. These temples usually conduct two or three open meetings, two or more for the general membership, and separate sessions for the FOI and MGT. Smaller temples often have fewer meetings, but all have some open and some closed meetings. An air of secrecy pervades all meetings, and strict rules forbid the discussion of temple activities outside the temple.

Both members and nonmembers attending NOI meetings are thoroughly searched before entering the temple hall. All males are searched for liquor, guns, knives, files, or any sharp instrument. Not only are these items not allowed in the temple, but also cigarettes, gum, papers, packages, or such items are taken from the man. He is then furnished a claim ticket with which to reclaim his property on leaving the temple. Females are taken to another part of the building, searched for weapons of any kind, and even relieved of possessions such as lipstick and cosmetics. They, too, receive a ticket to reclaim their property upon leaving the temple.

After being thoroughly searched, the individuals are admitted to the temple meeting room, where the members are seated separately, men in one section, women in another. At open meetings, where visitors are in attendance, the visitors are also seated in a separate section. During meetings, guards are stationed around the hall and in the aisles. They are changed at regular intervals. The guards' duties are revealed in "general orders for guards" which were issued by the Chicago temple:

"1. To take charge of this post, and all temple property in view.
2. To walk my post in a perfect manner, keeping always on the alert.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To report all calls from post, more distant from the temple than my own.
5. To quit my post, only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey and pass on to the sentinel, who relieves me, all orders from the commanding officer, officers of the day, and non-commissioned officers of the guard only.

7. To talk to no one, only in the line of duty.
8. In case of disorder to give the alarm.
9. To allow no one to commit a nuisance on or near my post.
10. In any cases not covered by instructions, call the guards.
11. To salute all officers and standards not cased.
12. To be especially watchful at nights during the time of meetings." 25-330971-3992, p. 158; 4250, p. 39

During meetings, guards are stationed not only within the temples but also on patrol on the streets around the temple. *

B. Protection of Elijah Muhammad

Elaborate security protection is afforded Elijah Muhammad at all times. Much of this protection is undoubtedly ceremonial or ritualistic evidence of the respect Muhammad's followers hold for him. Nevertheless, during 1958, a threat was reportedly made against the life of Elijah Muhammad. This caused much concern among cult members even though the threat never materialized. Also, during the Summer of 1959, J. B. Stoner, head of the Christian Knights of the K. K. K., wrote a letter to Muhammad which was full of invective. At the same time, Stoner wrote another letter to the New York City Police Commissioner which offered the services of the Klansmen to rid the city of "Muslims" if the commissioner would furnish them with guns and ammunition. Muhammad was very much concerned about the K. K. K. threat and caused both of Stoner's letters to be reprinted in newspapers which normally carry items concerning the NOI.

*Very recently, a source advised that for several weeks the guards on duty during meetings in one temple have been carrying revolvers under their belts for the protection of speakers and temple officers. (NK Airtel 8/15/60)

Muhammad has, for a long time, been security-conscious. In 1952, when first viewing the house he was then purchasing for his residence, Muhammad was afraid to enter a room until it was fully lighted and upon entering, immediately checked the window locks. After moving into the house, Muhammad had his followers cut away all the shrubbery from around the house and cut away the tree branches to a height of six to eight feet so that no one could approach the house without being seen. 105-24812-24

When Elijah Muhammad travels away from Chicago, the FOI members at whichever city he visits are responsible for furnishing him adequate security protection. The precautions taken prior to and during the Uline Arena "feast" at Washington, D. C., in May, 1959, provide a good example of this security.

Prior to Muhammad's arrival at the arena, FOI members thoroughly searched the entire building for hidden devices or bombs and stationed guards at strategic places inside and outside the building. Another group of FOI members, in about a dozen automobiles, drove to the airport to meet Muhammad. They first searched the airport area looking for suspicious persons and on the arrival of Muhammad's plane, marched onto the field and escorted Muhammad between two columns of guards back to a waiting automobile. The entourage escorted Muhammad to the Washington minister's home, which had been guarded by several FOI members since early morning. The

carloads of guards remained stationed outside the house until it was necessary for them to escort him to the arena. Upon arriving at the arena, Muhammad walked from the car, into the arena, and all the way up to the rostrum between two lines of approximately 750 FOI members standing shoulder to shoulder. The same precautions were taken when Muhammad left the arena. During his stay in Washington, special food was prepared by NOI members to avoid any possibility of Muhammad's being poisoned.

C. Discipline and Trials of Members

Individuals associated with Elijah Muhammad for a considerable period have advised that although Muhammad appears to be a mild-mannered person, it is obvious that he is capable of dominating and impressing his followers. This ability is shown by the strict discipline maintained over cult members.

As mentioned earlier in this study, the military-type organizational setup extends throughout all phases of NOI activities. Individual temple ministers, with the assistance of the temple FOI captains, exert control over the members of their own temples. The only higher authorities in the organization are Elijah Muhammad and National FOI [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] To maintain this strict control, the various ministers, or FOI captains, hold "trials" to expel or discipline members for a variety of reasons.

At these so-called "trials," the violator is called before the minister or the FOI captain, sometimes before the regular temple membership meeting and sometimes not. The charges are read and the sentence pronounced. The member is not allowed to defend himself and has no right of appeal; the decision of the minister or FOI captain is final.

The most severe sentence imposed on a member is permanent expulsion from the NOI. Another sentence frequently imposed is called the "Class F" sentence. This sentence calls for the expulsion of the member for a definite period of time, during which he cannot talk to NOI members nor attend temple meetings. Many of this type of sentence are for 90 days for a minor violation, with up to five years for a more serious violation. Usually the five-year sentence is given with a provision that, if the individual has lived according to the rules, he might apply for readmission after one year, but only if he shows an unusual willingness to cooperate and further the NOI program.

For minor violations not calling for expulsion from the temple, the "Class C" sentence is imposed. This requires that the member perform labor for a certain period of time with a working group at the temple.

The violations which cause a member to be brought to trial are numerous and varied. The following are but a few examples:

1. Reporting temple activities to a nonmember
2. Committing adultery
3. Using narcotics
4. Not attending temple meetings
5. Misusing funds collected for the temple
6. Using "unbecoming" language before female members
7. Failing to bring "lost-founds" (visitors) to meetings
8. Eating or selling pork
9. Mentioning before temple members that he would refuse to die for "Allah"
10. Failing to pay extra dues for being overweight
11. Allowing a visitor to enter temple under influence of liquor
12. Sleeping during temple meeting

D. Informant Threat and the FBI

During the past year, Muhammad and various NOI ministers have evidenced considerable interest in and attention to the possibility that "spies" have entered their ranks. They have threatened dire treatment for any "spies" they catch, while promising that any NOI member "found guilty of reporting information on temple activities to the white man will be killed." (Ltr. to 33 offices handling NOI - 7/2/59)

One minister advised his followers that "the FBI devil" cannot come to the temple himself, so he sends some of "our own in the black form" to hear what is going on in the temple. The minister then threatened that "we will pull their tongues out if we catch them or find out who they are." 25-330971-3898, p7

In an article appearing last summer in the Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, Muhammad wrote, "The FBI, who has watched for a chance to do the worst against us with their paid Negro stool pigeons among us, even to

making false charges of stealing the charity given for the expenses of the temples and laborers', all will fail." LA Herald-Dispatch 8/20/59

Again at the 1960 NOI convention at Chicago, Muhammad was reported to have talked about spies and stool pigeons and told about cutting off the heads of spies and stool pigeons and hanging them up and putting tags on them. 25-330971-4262

In spite of the NOI leaders' repeated violent threats of action they would take against "spies" and Muhammad's claim that all attempts of nonmembers to learn of NOI activities would fail, the ministers have found it necessary to take other precautions so that members would not divulge NOI activities to nonmembers.

One minister advised his members concerning talking to FBI Agents. He cautioned, "Some of you may think it is wise to engage them in conversation when they come to your house but this is wrong. They will trick you into saying something even though you think it is small, then they will go to other Muslims for little bits of information and when they compile it, they have quite a bit. They are trained to ask you leading questions and sometimes you will think you are not talking but you are tricked into it. When they come to see you do not talk to them. You do not have to let them come into your house. If they have a warrant for you then go peacefully with them. If they do not have a warrant then close your door and walk away because they cannot force you to talk to them." 25-330971-3226, pp 44-45

VII. INCIDENTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

A. Prison Inmates

There are a number of Negro inmates at prisons in several states who claim affiliation with the NOI. Some of those claiming to be followers of Muhammad who are presently in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, had caused difficulty in other penal institutions and were subsequently transferred to Leavenworth. Most of these inmates, as well as many in state prisons, have embraced the "Muslim" faith subsequent to confinement and do not actually have a very clear-cut idea of Muhammad's teachings. They are primarily interested in those features which enable them to complain about prison conditions and racial discrimination. 25-330971-3992, p 36

For example, in the Fall of 1959, four convicts at a New York State prison who claimed to be followers of Muhammad filed legal action against the warden claiming that he was denying them enjoyment of religious freedom while in his prison. They had made demands for special foods, private meetings, special equipment, and other special considerations. No final action has resulted from these complaints, but much friction has developed because of this incident, and the NOI has used it as a propaganda weapon to stir up its members. 25-330971-427c

At another State penitentiary, in Pennsylvania, an inmate who claimed to be a follower of Muhammad, assaulted a guard after drinking some homemade liquor. When he was placed in segregation, it was discovered that more than 20 other inmates, all followers of Muhammad, had gathered and had planned to cause a disturbance. Fortunately, the plan was discovered in time to prevent what could have been a serious incident. 25-330971-4296, p 39

B. Local Law Officers

Muhammad and ministers of the NOI take pride in citing the fearless nature of the members. They speak with pride of various incidents where the NOI members have engaged the police. When large numbers of "Muslims" gather and white persons are present, there seems to be a sort of eagerness to demonstrate their fearlessness.

In July, 1958, an annual "feast" sponsored by MTI Number 7 was held at a hall in New York City. Because of limited space in the hall, many of the male NOI members were forced to stand outside the entrances to the hall. The New York police assigned to duty in the vicinity were especially tolerant and calm, and this undoubtedly prevented the situation from getting out of hand. Although the police were polite and cooperative throughout the feast, the NOI members exhibited attitudes of ridicule and sarcasm to the police whenever they had the opportunity to do so. 25-330971-3562, p 74

Typical of the contradictory statements made by Muhammad and his ministers concerning violent action are the instructions given by the New York minister on two occasions within a few days of each other:

> "Members should not resist law enforcement officers at any time. We are not against the laws, we are to obey the laws. If the law officer is wrong we must still obey him because Allah will take care of him." 25-330971-3955, p 40

> "We are not aggressive but peaceful people. The next time any policeman puts his hands on a Muslim he will not go to court but will go to the cemetery." 25-330971-3992, p 65

Also, during 1959, Muhammad wrote a letter addressed to all temples of the NOI advising the ministers to read this letter before the FOI at each meeting until such time as the minister was sure that the contents were clear and well understood by everyone. The letter said that the "Muslims" were getting into too much trouble with the local law enforcement authorities and that this difficulty which the "Muslims" were having throughout the nation was giving them a bad reputation and was costing the NOI a great deal of money. However, the letter continued, the members should not interpret these instructions to mean that they should turn the other cheek when they are attacked. It stated "when you are fought against you should fight back. In fact, fight those who fight you." 25-330971-3783, p 34

Late in 1959, national leaders of the NOI met to discuss their growing concern over numerous conflicts between members and law enforcement

authorities. They felt that because the Negroes who became NOI members are taught to have no fear, they become self-confident and aggressive. This results in frequent clashes between members and white persons. One of the leaders likened the members to tigers, saying, "When you awake a sleeping tiger, you must put a harness on him also, otherwise he may do a great deal of damage." 25-330971-4486, p11

In spite of this apparent concern, NOI publications continue to spread their message of hate.

The first issue of a new NOI monthly publication called Mr. Muhammad Speaks, dated May, 1960, contains a long article concerning two incidents involving clashes between New York City police officers and members of the NOI. In both of these cases, NOI members interfered with officers who were attempting to make arrests and, in the ensuing melees, the NOI members claimed they had been seriously injured. Both cases resulted in long and involved legal action, and the NOI is using these legal battles to stir up the members against law enforcement authorities and white people in general.

VIII. NOI DOCTRINES, ATTITUDES, AND DOGMA

Although Elijah Muhammad constantly claims he is a believer in the recognized religion of Islam, many orthodox Muslims openly denounce him as a fraud, who is using their religion to deceive and exploit the American Negroes. Muhammad lays down the doctrines and rules which his followers must accept. As there is no one written document setting forth the teachings and beliefs of the Nation of Islam cult, occasional changes in emphasis have been noted. Therefore, the following doctrines, attitudes, and dogma of the NOI have been compiled from the writings and speeches of Muhammad and several of his more prominent ministers.

It must be remembered that NOI ministers and assistant ministers of the various temples throughout the country are quite independent of one another and of the national headquarters in Chicago. For this reason, the teachings and attitudes reflected by the followers of Muhammad at various temples and on different occasions often vary from mild defiance against the white man and "his government" to insane hatred for all facets of the "white man's society."

A. Doctrines Openly Stressed

The following doctrines are those openly taught by Muhammad and his ministers through the numerous meetings of the NOI which visitors, or "lost-founds," may attend. They are also loudly proclaimed at public meetings and conventions and through the many publications and newspapers in which articles by Muhammad appear.

1. Allah Himself Appointed Muhammad as the Messenger

"Allah came to us from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, in 1930. He used the name 'Wallace D. Fard'... He also signed His name as W. F. Muhammad' which stands for 'Wallace Fard Muhammad.' He came alone.... He said, 'My name is Mahdi, I am God, I came to Guide you into the right path that you may be successful and see the Hereafter.'... He chose me to bear the Message of Life (Islam) to my people here.... I have been raised and chosen by God to teach and lead you to Him, that you may see the Hereafter and you may do well to follow and obey me...."

Muhammad, Moslem World and the USA, June-July, 1956

"I am sent from Allah and have the backing of Allah and the powers of heaven and earth to reclaim our people in America from their tormentors."

Muhammad, New Crusader, February 27, 1960.

"I came directly from God. I am guided by God. I am in communication with God and know God. If I had not known God and had not been commissioned by Him, and did not know that God was with me, I would not dare come before anyone and speak as I speak. If God is not with me, if God is not

protecting me, how can I come and say things no other man has said and get away with it? And why should I fear the Devil when God has given me knowledge of the Devil. . ."

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"I am only warning you that your Christian brothers are not going to take you to heaven, they are going to take you to hell. The only safe place for you today is to follow me, believe in Islam, believe in Allah and you will see the hereafter."

Muhammad, Mr. Muhammad Speaks, May, 1960

2. Christian Religion Is a Hoax

"The Christian religion is a hoax because it teaches Jesus was born without the benefit of natural man-woman relations and claims Jesus was the son of God. . . . Jesus was but a prophet like Moses and many others and was a believer in Islam. . . . Christianity as a religion was never known by Jesus because it was fabricated in Rome after his death. . . . Christianity is not the religion of the black man but instead is a tool of the white man being used to enslave black men. . . . Throw the Christian religion in the garbage pail and then take the pail and fight like hell."

Muhammad, Chicago Convention, February, 1960

"The kind of Christianity that the white man is teaching us destroys love for self and kind. It puts the desire in the heart of the blackman to love and adore the white race. . . . The god, the angels, and the prophets have always been painted white by the Christians. This is a false picture of God, and his prophets as painted by the White race."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, January 28, 1960

"Christianity was given to the Negro by the white man. Christianity promises all things after death. Negroes need them now. Negro ministers do not understand the Bible and don't know what they are talking about.... Jesus was not a white man and did not 'found' Christianity. The Bible was written years after his death. The Bible is lies made up by white man to fool the black man."

NOI minister, Boston, October 11, 1959

3. White Man Is the Devil and Our Enemy

"The false teachings of his god and religion, poison foods, drinks, and drugs, have brought the so-called Negroes into a state of mental death. They have no knowledge of self, nor anyone else, and are persecuted and killed all day long by the white man, their open enemy (the Devil), who has deceived the Negroes into even loving him as they should love Allah (God)."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, April 7, 1960

"The world knows that I am teaching you the truth and, most of all, desire justice for my people in America, with whom I have suffered all of my life. Allah (God) has given to me the key to loosen them from the power and bondage of our ever-relentless, merciless, evil, indecent murderers, our open enemies, the devil slavemasters; so that our people may be free indeed and know their God (our only true friend) and their enemies (the devils), who have deceived them and the world of the black nations."

Muhammad, Pittsburgh Courier, August 15, 1959

"We are thankful to Allah for raising up from amongst us Elijah Muhammad to lead us on the right path and to tell us who we are, to tell us who is our God and to tell us who is the devil. Before we thought the devil was under the ground, but Muhammad taught us he is on top of the ground."

NOI minister, New York, December 18, 1959

"...all who are found believing in the devils will be destroyed with the devils."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, September 17, 1959

4. White Man Has Enslaved the Black Man

"The white race went to Africa, robbed her of some of her native sons and daughters to bring to America to slave for them. These (the so-called Negroes) were cut completely off from contact with their native people for 300 years; these blacks the white man has robbed so completely of his teachings and trainings, that now he can use one against the other."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, April 7, 1960

"In 1555 our mothers and fathers were taken from their homes by some Christian white men and taken to this country in chains. Our mothers and fathers would not submit willingly to slavery so they were allowed to have children. When the children came forth they were taken away from their mothers so that they would not acquire any knowledge of themselves. Our mothers and fathers were killed by the white man and we, the children, had no one to tell us who we are. No one to tell us where we came from and most of all no one to tell us that our God's name is Allah."

NOI minister, New York, December 18, 1959

"The Negroes have been blind, deaf and dumb to the knowledge of themselves for the past 400 years. A man cannot have respect for himself unless he has a knowledge of himself. This is why our slavemasters kept our history away from us. How could they use us if we had known that we are the best people on earth?"

NOI minister, New York, September 16, 1959

5. White Man Will Be Destroyed

"LET THE SO-CALLED NEGROES KNOW THE TRUTH that the time of our enemies has come to an end and that Allah will destroy them from the face of the earth. . . ."

". . . God, Himself, hates the wicked devils and has set a day for their destruction."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, October 29, 1959

"All of us know that the time of the white race was up in 1914; the extension of time that they have been granted was given to them to allow time for the awakening of the black man, and especially the so-called Negroes in America, who are living under the power of the people who are first to be destroyed of all the people on earth. . . ."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, February 18, 1960

"The devil has used us for his benefit, but his time is up, and he will soon be destroyed. All those who love him will also burn in the fires of destruction."

NOI minister, New York, June 7, 1959

6. Black Man Must Be Awakened

"You, the so-called American Negro, with the help of Allah (God) can solve your own problems.

". . . Before the Black Man can begin to gain economic security, he must be awakened (from the dead), gain knowledge, understanding and wisdom which will enable him to follow my teachings. Islam and only Islam will point the way out of the entanglement of 'WANT IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY' for the followers of Islam, the true religion of the Black Nation."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, March 24, 1960

"Allah has risen me to preach the Message of Truth to my mentally dead people. . . ."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, October 29, 1959

"We, the so-called Negroes, here in North America, should be thankful to Allah for giving us Elijah Muhammad. Muhammad has brought us face to face with our open enemy. Before we met Elijah Muhammad our knees used to shake when we saw a white man. Muhammad has taken away our fear."

NOI minister, New York, January 8, 1960

7. Black Man Must Unify and Gain Economic Independence

"I have this message for my people, the so-called American Negro; truth for you is like giving life to one who is physically dead. The aim is to separate the so-called Negro from the slave master and sit them in heaven; to give them a thorough knowledge of the scripture, self, of God and of the Devil and the scriptures pertaining to them. Unite them all to their own kind, the next qualification for self independence on the planet earth, in a place they can call their own. Stop depending on others to do for you what you can do for yourself.

"Unite, pool our income to help create, build a future for our people regardless of whether they are Moslems or not. Buy land, help build homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, factories to help make employment for yourself and your fellow man. These things may be accomplished by you and me uniting together, spending our money with our own."

Muhammad, Mr. Muhammad Speaks, May, 1960

"Some of us have hundreds and thousands of dollars, lying in the white man's banks. . . sit down with me and think on your own people's condition, as I have and let me have this money, to use for yourself, and your poor nation, which will return to you in millions and billions."

Muhammad, New Crusader, March 26, 1960

8. Black Man Must Have Land of His Own

"We must have some land. . . . Let there be no mistake about it. We must come out from among the wicked and be separate. We should be given land of our own, a subsidy in payment for the years our fathers were used as bondsmen, and then be left to go on our own."

Muhammad, Mr. Muhammad Speaks, May, 1960

"The so-called Negroes must be separated from the White race and given a home on this earth that they can call their own."

Muhammad, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, November 5, 1959

"Muhammad's plan is for the United States to give Negroes 'either a tract of land, or several states, wherein they could form their own government.'

"His point was that in accepting this land Negroes would not be accepting gratuities, but would merely be receiving payment of 'back salary' earned during the many years of slavery."

NOI minister, Chicago Daily Defender, March 15, 1960

B. Attitudes Expressed in Closed Meetings

While the openly stressed doctrines set forth in the preceding section reveal some of the beliefs of the followers of Elijah Muhammad, the real feelings of the members cannot be shown through statements made at open meetings or from articles in generally available publications. Only in closed meetings do many of these true attitudes reveal themselves.

1. Attitude toward Violence

Muhammad continually publicizes the peaceful ways of the NOI, and though the openly publicized doctrines declare that the white race will be destroyed, it is said this destruction will come about through the power of Allah. Statements made in temple meetings reveal that Allah will get some help from NOI members, if recent instructions of ministers are followed by the members:

> "We are told by the white man to bury the hatchet. We'll bury the hatchet in his head." 25-330971-4250, p15
>
> "If you know of anyone circulating information that Muhammad is teaching hate or is an enemy of the Muslim religion, you should knock his teeth out and shove your fist down his throat." 25-330971-4296, p55
>
> "I don't like white men. . . . kill all of them." 25330971-4150, p. 23
>
> "Blood must be shed to get our rights. We mean business." 25-330971-4152, p7
>
> "Why go abroad to fight, let's fight the devil, the white man, right here in this country." 25-330971-4162, p. 7

"If anyone gives information on the organization to the white man, you must take care of him. Take that person out and cut off his head." 25-330971-4275, p. 12

"Heads will roll if the white man molests a Negro woman.... When you kill a snake, that is not hate."
25-330971-4162, p 5

"If one black man is lynched, a white man (adult or baby) should be killed." 25-330971-3955, p 31

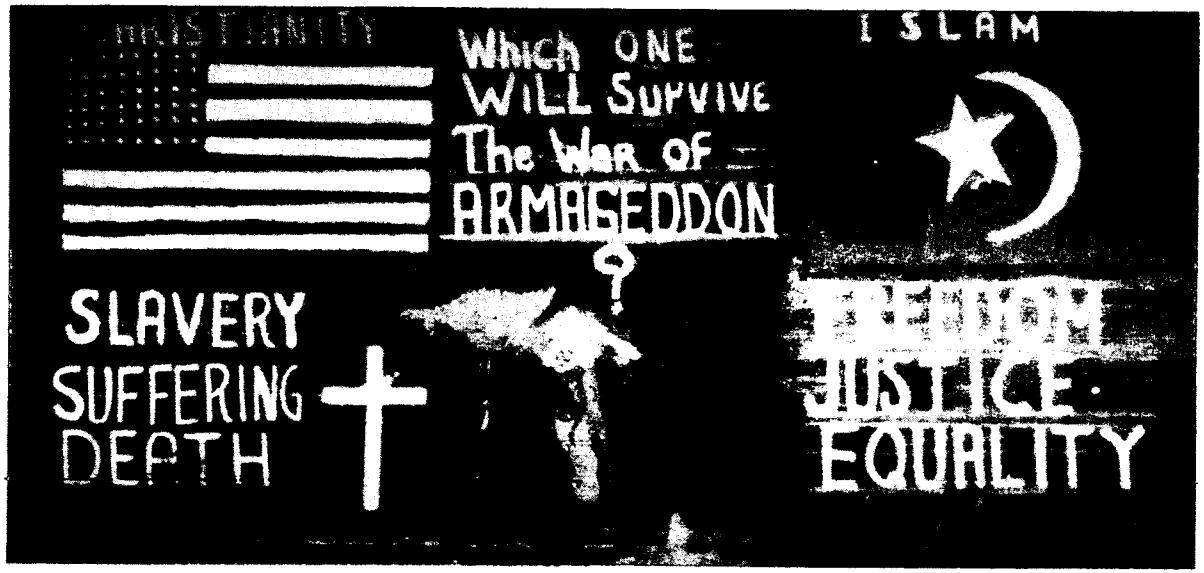
"Because the white race is attempting to keep Negroes in slavery, heads will roll, and it won't be long."
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2. Attitude toward American Flag and Government

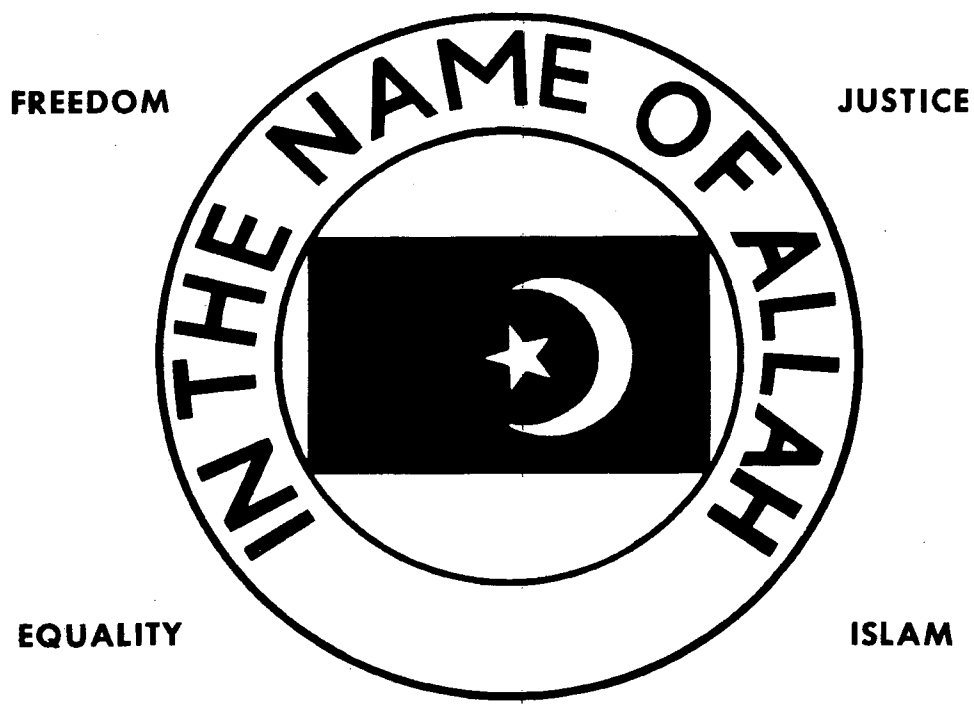
Muhammad openly advises his followers to show respect for the American flag and the authority of the Government. However, at temple meetings, the ministers speak of our flag as the "rag" and repeatedly denounce the "white man's government" which they claim gives them no freedom, justice, or equality. As an aid to the ministers in their derision of our flag and Government, nearly every temple is equipped with a large blackboard, the upper part of which contains a drawing of the American flag and the flag of the NOI.

Following are statements recently made in closed meetings:

Minister pointing to the American flag said, "Our children are expected to pledge allegiance to it every day and our sons are to fight for it. And what do we get?" He then pointed to the picture of a Negro hanging from a tree.
25-330971-4178, p 25



Similar signs are drawn at the top of blackboards used by temple ministers in their preachings of hate


FREEDOM
JUSTICE
IN THE NAME OF ALLAH
EQUALITY
ISLAM

"United States flag represents freedom, justice and equality for only the white people; the red stripe in the US flag is for freedom, just as it is in the Muslim flag, the crescent, but there is a white stripe followed by another red stripe which means there is only freedom for the white race." 25-330971-4296, p 45

"Black man has nothing to protect in the white man's government. Stop being a fool, you have no part in the United States Government." 25-330971-4217, p. 12

"You have no justice under the American flag and no freedom and equality. Under the Muslim flag, the crescent and star, you will receive freedom, justice, and equality. The American flag is for white men only." 25-330971-4178, p 18

3. Attitude toward Selective Service and Armed Forces

Muhammad publicly states that each member of the NOI decides for himself concerning registering under the Selective Service Act and entering the Armed Forces. He claims the members are expected to obey the Government and make the Government proud of them.

However, when speaking before temple meetings, he says that he does not order any of his followers to refuse to comply with the Selective Service laws but that he is against any cooperation with the white man on the part of his followers. He also tells them that a member who joins the Armed Forces is not considered to be a member of the NOI while he is serving in the Armed Forces but can, if he leads a righteous life after leaving the service, return to the NOI. 105-24822-13, pp. 9, 17

In a short film, made by Muhammad and currently being shown at various temples throughout the country, Muhammad states: "Muslims do not register for the draft because they owe no allegiance to the United States. Why should Muslims protect a country which does not honor them or their women, and in which the Muslims do not receive freedom, equality, and justice?" 25-330971-4296, p 54

Muhammad's ministers have also spoken against Selective Service. One advised his members to discuss Selective Service with him before registering because membership in the NOI entitled them to status as conscientious objectors. Another told his members that he would rather go to prison than fight in the "white man's army." 25-330971-3562, p. 176; 4184, p. 10

NOI members are regularly being arrested for failing to register under the Selective Service Act. Recently several members, upon being arrested, said they "had no reason to register," as they were "registered with Allah." Muhammad's own son Wallace is presently "free on bond pending appeal" of a three-year prison sentence for failing to obey his draft board's orders. 25-330971-4275, p 19

C. Dogma To Be Accepted by NOI Members

In addition to the preceding doctrines and attitudes which reveal the beliefs or credo of the Nation of Islam, consider the following dogma or "facts" which NOI members are taught and expected to accept. All of

the following excerpts have been taken from recent articles or speeches of Muhammad and several of his more prominent ministers.

> "66 trillion years ago the planet earth and the moon were one planet."
>
> 25-330971-4250, p 7

> "One of our wise black scientists got angry sixty six trillion years ago and wanted to destroy everybody because he could not make everyone speak the same language. He dug a shaft in the center of the heart of this planet, filled it with explosives and set it off thinking he was going to get rid of all of us. He only blew it into parts; the part you call the moon was blown away and dropped all the water on this side."
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> 25-330971 - 4434

> "The whole planet earth was known as Asia. The black man lived in heaven in the place called Mecca today. In those days there was no one in Africa until one of the scientists asked for permission to take his family into Africa so that they would be closer to nature. This is why you find the black man in Africa today."
>
> 25-330971-4250, p.7

> "Originally all people on the Earth were black; however, a man named Yakub took some brown people to an island and by a process of selective breeding, which took hundreds of years, produced a man who had white skin, but who was weaker than the black man. He said that after the white man was produced that the black man chased him out of Asia, and into the caves of Europe. He said the white man lived in caves with dogs, and ate raw food. He said that after a time Moses was sent to teach the white man how to live, but Moses found the caves so dirty that he could not teach the white man anything so Moses called together all the wise scientists to produce an animal that would eat the filth of the white man. He said the scientists tried the dog, the rat, and the cat; however, none of these were suitable, and they finally produced the hog, who is a combination of the rat, the dog, and the cat, and the hog cleaned up the filth accumulated by the white man."
>
> 25-330971-4217, p. 11

"The pyramids were built by the black man. The white man called this one of the wonders of the world. The white man thinks it took us 300 years to build the pyramids but it really took us only 20 years. We could have done it in 15 years but we only worked on the pyramids when we were on our vacation."

25-330971-4250, p 7

"Allah allows only a limited amount of time to any race to rule the earth and the so-called white race was given 6,000 years to rule the earth which period expired in 1914. The white race is living on borrowed time and the reason God has not yet destroyed the white race is that Allah is waiting until all righteous people (dark races) have had the opportunity to hear the truth as it is taught by Islam"

25-330971-4256, p 7

"An angel, a human being, is flying in an airplane with a mission to give the people the last warnings which will be in pamphlet form. These pamphlets will be written (or printed) in two languages - Arabic and English - and they will be dropped from a terrific height over America, the only country that the Revelation is directed to. 'The everlasting Gospel,' which means, the last true warning to the so-called Negroes and foreign Muslims will take place between eight and ten days before the final day of destruction."

25-330971-4004, p.50

"North America will be destroyed by short circuiting gravity which would result in North America being engulfed in fire which would last for 300 years."

105-24822-13, p 6

"The vision of Ezekiel's wheel in a wheel is true if carefully understood. There is a similar wheel in the sky today which very well answers the description of Ezekiel's vision.... This wheel-like plane, its like never before seen. You cannot build one like it and get the same results. Your brains are limited. If you would make one to look like it, you could not get it up off the earth into outer space.

"The present wheel-shaped plane known as the Mother of Planes, is one-half by a half-mile and is the largest mechanical man-made object in the sky. It is a small human planet made for the purpose to destroy the present world of the enemies of Allah. The cost to build such a plane is staggering! The finest brains were used to build it. She is capable of staying in outer space six to twelve months at a time without coming into the earth's gravity. It carries fifteen hundred bombing planes with most deadliest explosives.

"The bombs are equipped with motors and the toughest of steel was used in making them. This steel drills and takes the bombs into the earth at a depth of one mile and is timed not to explode until it reaches one mile into the earth. This explosion produces a mountain one mile high; not one bomb will fall into water. They will all fall on cities." 25-330971-A, LA Herald-Dispatch 5/17/60

"Allah has told Muhammad that He, Allah, will destroy the wicked nation (white race)." 25-330971-4256, p. 2

"The so-called Negroes should give up the slavemaster's name and religion and unite with Islam."

25-330971-4256, p 2

"If they do not unite with Islam they will be destroyed by Allah. He that wears the name of the 'beast' (white race) shall be destroyed by Allah along with the 'beast.'"

25-330971-4256, p 2

Additional "facts" are included in the Lessons for NOI members set forth in the Appendices.

APPENDICES

The Nation of Islam utilizes several lessons which members are expected to study and learn. These lessons set forth additional "facts" which are supposed to clarify to the members their history and the history of their so-called religion.

Each lesson is studied and mastered before proceeding to the next one.

"STUDENT ENROLLMENT LESSON

"1. Who is the original man?

Answer: The Original Man is the Asiatic Black Man, Owner, Maker, cream of the planet Earth, God of the Universe and Father of Civilization.

"2. Who is the colored man?

Answer: The Colored Man is the so-called white man or caucasian, Yacobs grafted devil, skunk of the planet Earth.

"3. What is the population of the original in the Wilderness of North America and all over the planet Earth?

Answer: The population of the Original Nation in the Wilderness of North America is a little over 17, 000, 000 lost-founds, plus 2, 000, 000 Indians making a total of 19, 000, 000 and all over the planet Earth 4, 400, 000, 000.

"4. What is the population of the colored people in the Wilderness of North America and all over the planet Earth?

Answer: The population of the Colored People in the Wilderness of North America is 103, 000, 000 and all over the planet Earth, 400, 000, 000.

"5. What is the square mileage of Earth, how much is land? How much is water?

Answer: The square mileage of the Earth is 196, 940, 000 square miles. 57, 255, 000 square miles is land, 139, 685, 000 square miles is water.

"6. What is the square miles of useful land used every day by the entire population of the planet Earth?

Answer: The square miles of useful land used by the entire population every day is 29, 000, 000 square miles.

"7. What is the square miles of useful land used by the Original Man?

Answer: The square miles of useful land used by the Original Man is 23, 000, 000 square miles.

"8. What is the square miles of useful land used by the Colored Man?

Answer: The square miles of useful land used by the Colored Man is 6, 000, 000 square miles.

"9. What is the birth record of said nation of Islam?

Answer: There is no birth record of said nation of Islam.

"10. What is the birth record of said other than Islam?

Answer: The birth record of said other than Islam is: Buddaism--approximately 35, 000 years old. Christianity--approximately 551 years old."

25-330971-3840, pp. 6-8

"LESSON NO. 1

"1. Why isn't the devil settled on the best part of the Planet Earth?

Answer: Because the earth belongs to the Original Black Man and knowing that the devil was wicked and there would not be any peace among them, He put him out in the worst part of the earth and kept the best part preserved for himself every since he made it. The best part is in Arabia at the Holy City Mecca. The colored Man or Caucasian is the devil. Arabia is in the far east and is bordered by the Indian Ocean on the South.

"2. Why did Moses or Mossa have a hard time to civilize the devil 2000 B. C.?

Answer: Because he was a savage. Savage means a person that has lost the knowledge of himself and who is living a beast life. Mossa was a half original man, and a prophet. Two thousand B. C. means before Christ. In the Asiatic world it was in the eleven thousand year. Civilize means to teach the knowledge and wisdom of the human family on the Planet Earth.

"3. Why did we let half original man Columbus discover the poor part of the Planet Earth?

Answer: Because the original man is the God and owner of the earth, and knows every square inch of it and has chosen for himself the best part. He did not care about the poor part. Columbus was a half original man and was born in Italy, which is southeast Europe. His full name was Christopher Columbus, and the place he discovered was North America. He found the Indians here, who were exiled seventeen thousand years ago from India. They are original people.

"4. Why did we run Yacob and his made devil from the root of civilization, over the hot desert, into the cave of West Asia, as they now call it Europe? What is the meaning of Eu and Rope? How long ago? What did the devil bring with him? What kind of life did he live and how long before Mossa came to teach the devil of the forgotten Tricknollegy?

Answer: Because they had started making trouble among the righteous people telling lies. They accused the righteous peoples, causing them to fight and kill one another. Yacob was an original black man, and was the father of the devil. He taught the devils to do this devilishment. The root of civilization is in Arabia at the Holy City Mecca, which means where wisdom and knowledge of the original man first started. When the planet was found, we ran the devils over the Arabian Desert. We took from them everything except the language and made him walk every step of the way; it was twenty-two hundred miles. He went savage and lived in the caves of Europe. Eu means hillsides and Rope is the rope to bind in. It was six thousand and nineteen years ago. Mossa came two thousand years later and taught him how to live a respectful life, how to build a home for himself and some of the tricknollegy that Yacob taught him. Which was devilishment, telling lies, stealing, and how to master the original man. Mossa was half original, a prophet which was predicated by the twenty-three scientists in the year one, fifteen thousand nineteen years ago, today.

" 5. Why did we take Jerusalem from the devil? How long ago?

Answer: Because one of our righteous brothers, who was a prophet by the name of Jesus was buried there, and he uses his name to shield his dirty religion, which is called Christianity, also to deceive the people so they will believe in him. Jesus' teaching was not Christianity, it was Freedom, Justice Equality; Jerusalem is in South Europe. Jerusalem is a name given by Jews, which means founded in peace, and it was first built by the original man, which was called Jebus, also Salem, and Ariel. We took the city from the devils about seven hundred fifty years ago.

" 6. Why does the devil call our people Africans?

Answer: To make our people of North America believe that the people on that continent are the only people they have and are all savage. He bought a trading post in the Jungle of that continent, the original people live on this continent and they are the ones who strayed away from civilization and are living a jungle life. The original people call this continent Asia, but the devils call it Africa, to try to divide them. He wants us to think we all are different.

"7. Why does the devil keep our people illiterate?

Answer: So that he can use them for a tool and also a slave. He keeps them blind to themselves so that he can master them. Illiterate means ignorant.

"8. Why does the devil keep our people apart, from his social equality?

Answer: Because he does not want us to know how filthy he is and all his affairs, he is afraid because when we learn about him we will run him from among us. Socialist means to advocate. A society of men or groups of men for one common cause. Equality means to be equal in everything.

"9. Why does Mohammed make the devil study from thirty five to fifty years before he can call himself a Moslem Son? And wear the greatest and only Flag of the Universe? And he must add a sword on the upper part of the Holy and Greatest Universal Flag of Islam?

Answer: So that he could clean himself up. A Moslem does not love the devil regardless to how long he studies, after he has devoted thirty five or fifty years trying to learn and do like the original man. He could come and do trading among us and we would not kill him as quick as we would the other devils, that is who has not gone under this study. After he goes through with this labor from thirty five to fifty years, we permit him to wear our Flag which is the Sun, Moon and Stars. He must add the sword on the upper part. The sword is an emblem of Justice, and it was used by the original man in Mohammed's time. Thus, it was placed on the upper part, of the flag so that the devil can always see it, so he will keep in mind, that any time that he reveals the secrets. We gave him this chance so that he could clean himself up and come among us. His head would be taken off by the sword. The Holy flag of Islam is the greatest and only flag known. The Universe is everything Sun, Moon, and Stars. They are planets. Planets are something grown or made from the beginning, and holy is something that has not been diluted, mixed or tampered with in any form.

"10. Why does Mohammad and any Moslem murder the devil? What is the duty of each Moslem in regards to four devils? What reward does a Moslem receive by presenting the four devils at one time?

Answer: Because he is one hundred percent wicked and will not keep and obey the laws of Islam. His ways and actions are like a snake of the grafted type. So Mohammed learned that he could not reform the devils so they had to be murdered. All Moslems will murder the devil because they know he is a snake and also if he be allowed to live, he could sting someone else. Each Moslem is required to bring four devils, and by bringing and presenting four at one time his reward is a button to wear on the lapel of his coat, also a free transportation to the Holy City Mecca to see brother Mohammad."

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"LESSON NO. 2

"1. Who made the Holy Koran or Bible? How long ago? Will you tell us why does Islam re-new her history every twenty-five thousand years?

Answer: The Holy Koran or Bible is made by the Original People who is ALLAH, the supreme being, or (black man) of Asia; The Koran will expire in the year twenty-five thousand. Nine thousand and eighty years from the date of this writing the Nation of Islam is all wise and does everything right, and exact. The Planet Earth, which is the home of Islam and is approximately twenty-five thousand miles in circumference, so the wise man of the East (black man) makes history or Koran, to equal his home circumference, a year to every mile and thus every time his history lasts twenty-five thousand years, he re-news it for another twenty-five thousand years.

"2. What is the circumference?

Answer: 24, 896 miles Approximately 25, 000 miles.

"3. What is the diameter of the planet?

Answer: 7, 926 miles. Seven thousand nine hundred twenty-six miles.

"4. What is the total square mileage?

Answer: 196, 940, 000 miles. One hundred ninety- six million, nine hundred forty-thousand square miles.

"5. How much is the land and water?

Answer: 57, 255, 000 square miles of land. 139, 685, 000 square miles of water.

"6. What is the total weight of our Planet?

Answer: Sixty sex trillion tons. A unit followed by twenty-one ciphers.

" 7. How fast does our planet travel per hour?

Answer: 1,037 1/3 miles per hour.

" 8. What makes rain, hail, snow and earthquakes?

Answer: The Earth is approximately covered under water. Approximately 3/4th of its surface. The Sun and Moon, having attracting power on our planet while our planet making the terrific speed of 1,037 1/3 miles on its way around the Sun. The Sun draws this water up into the Earth rotation, which is called gravitation, in a fine mist that the naked eye can hardly detect. But as this mist ascends higher and increasing with other mists of water in different currents of the atmosphere until when she becomes heavier than gravitation, then she distills back to the Earth in the form of drops of water or drops of ice, which depends on how heavy the mist was in the current of air it was in; there are some layer or currents of air real cold and warm and some very swift and changeable so when the water strikes one of these cold currents it becomes solid ice in small round drops in form or in a light fluffy form which is called snow, but this water is not ever drawn above six miles from the Earth's surface by the Sun and Moon; the reason it rains back on our planet is because it cannot get out of the Earth Sphere with its high speed of rotating around the Sun makes it impossible. Earthquakes are caused by the Son of Man by experimenting on high explosion; in fact that all the above is caused by the Son of Man.

" 9. Why does the devil teach the eight-five per cent, that a mystery God brings all this?

Answer: To conceal the true God which is the Son of Man and make slaves out of the 85% by keeping them worshiping something he knows they cannot see (invisible) and he lives and makes himself rich from their labor; the 85% know that it rains, hails and snows also hear it thunder above his head. But they do not try to learn, who it is that causes all this to happen by letting the 5% teach them; he believes in the 10% on face value.

"10. Who is that mystery God?

Answer: There is not a mystery God. The Son of Man has searched for that mystery God for trillions of years and was unable to find a mystery God. So they have agreed that the only God is the Son of Man. So they lose no time searching for that that does not exist.

"11. Will you set at home, and wait for the mystery God to bring you food?

Answer: Emphatically No. Me and my people who have been lost from home for three hundred and seventy-nine years have tried this so called mystery God for bread, clothing and a Home, and we recieve nothing but hard times, hunger, naked and out of doors, also was beat and killed by the ones who advocated that kind of God and no releif came to us until the Son of Man came to our aid, by the name of our Prophet, W. C. Fard.

"12. Tell us why the devil does not teach that?

Answer: Because he desires to make slaves out of all he can. So that he can rob them and live in luxury.

"13. What bring rain, hail, snow and Earthquakes?

Answer: They continue daily, to teach the 85% that all this that you see such as rain, snow, hail, Earthquakes comes from that mystery God that no one will ever be able to see until he dies. This is believed by the 85%. The 10% know that when man dies that he will never come back and tell the living weather he lied or not because the dead is never known to return from the grave. All the History of Islam never reveals anything that no man had ever been able to come back from a physical death. But there is a chance for mental death, because the lost found was once dead mentally and many of them revived from it. But they were not physically dead, just mentally dead.

"14. Who is the 85%?

Answer: The uncivilized people, poison animal eaters, slaves from mental death and power. People who do not know the living God,

or their origin in this world and they worship that they know not what. Who are easily led in the wrong direction but hard to lead into the right direction.

"15. Who is the 10%?

Answer: The rich, the slave makers of the poor, who teach the poor lies, to believe that the almighty, true and living God is a spook and cannot be seen by the physical eye. Otherwise known as the blood sucker of the poor.

"16. Who is the 5% in this poor part of the Earth?

Answer: They are the poor, righteous teacher, who do not believe in the teaching of the 10% and are all wise and know who the living God is and teach that the living God is the Son of Man, the supreme being the (black man) of Asia; and teach Freedom, Justice and Equality to all the human family of the planet Earth, otherwise known as civilized people. Also is Moslems and Moslem Sons.

"17. What is the meaning of civilization?

Answer: One having knowledge, wisdom, understanding, culture, refinement and is not savage. Pursuit of happiness.

"18. What is the duty of a civilized person?

Answer: To teach the uncivilized people who are savage, civilization, righteousness, the knowledge of himself, the science of everything in life, love, peace and happiness.

"19. If a civilized person does not perform his duty what must be done?

Answer: If a civilized person does not perform his duty which is teaching civilization to others they should be punished, with a severe punishment. Ezekiel, Chapter 3, 18 Verse; St. Luke Chapter 12, 47 Verse.

"20. What is the prescribed law of Islam of said person of that ability?

Answer: That the civilized person is held responsible for the uncivilized and he must be punished by the nation of Islam.

"21. Who was the founder of unlike attract and like repel?

Answer: An original man who was a scientist by the name of Yacob born twenty miles from the holy city Mecca, in the year eight thousand four hundred.

"22. How old was the founder?

Answer: When Yacob was six years old, while playing with two pieces of steel, he discovered one piece had magnetic in it and the other piece did not. Then he learned that the piece with magnetic attracted the piece that did not have magnetic in it; then he told his people that when he was old enough he would make a nation that would be unlike and he would teach them tricknolleged and they would rule for six thousand years.

"23. Tell us what he promised his Nation he would do?

Answer: That he would make a devil graft him from his own people and that he would teach them how to rule his people for six thousand years.

"24. What was his idea of making devil?

Answer: It was predicted of him that he would make devil eight thousand four hundred years before he was born. So he was born with a determined idea to make a people to rule for six thousand years.

"25. How long did it take him to make devil?

Answer: Six hundred years he was in grafting devil, or making him from the black man.

"26. What year was that?

Answer: It was in the year eight thousand four hundred, which means from the date of our present history or Koran, or about two thousand and six hundred years before the birth of Prophet Mossa.

"27. What was the name of the place where he manufactures the devil?

Answer: Pelan. The same that is called Patmos in the Rev; Chapter I, 9 Verse; an island that is situated in the Aegean sea.

"28. And what kind of rules and regulation including all laws enforced while manufacturing the devil?

Answer: Yacob first rule was to see that all his followers were healthy, strong and good breeders. If not, he sent them back. All that he found that was not good in multiplying and that they should marry at the age of sixteen. Next, Yacob gave his people the law on birth control to be enforced while manufacturing the devil. That was to destroy the alike and save the unlike which means kill the (black babies) and save the brown babies. This law was given to the doctors, the ministers, the nurses and the cremator. The doctors law was to examine all that marry and this was his law that anyone desiring to marry must first be qualified by the doctor, and in turn he qualified or disqualified them to the minister. The minister would marry only the ones that were unlike. The nurses law was to kill the black babies at birth by sticking a needle in the brain of the babies or feed it to some wild beast and tell the mother that her baby was an angel baby, and that it was only taken to heaven and some day when the mother dies her baby would have secured her a home in heaven. But save all the brown ones and tell their mother that she was lucky that her baby was a holy baby and she should take good care of her baby, educate it and some day it would be a great man. All nurses, doctors and ministers, Yacob put them under a death penalty to fail to carry out the law as it was given to them. Also, the cremator who would burn the black babies when the nurse brought it to him; also death for them if they reveal the secret. He also had other rules and laws which are not mentioned in this lesson.

"29. Tell us, why he was successful in all his undertakings?

Answer: Because the people who were his followers obeyed Yacob laws. Reguardless what he told them to do, they did it. If not, they paid with their lives for every law they broke. Yacob did not build prison houses to imprison his people when one fell victim of the law; the penalty was death and was enforced on every victim.

"30. Tell us what and how the devil is made?

Answer: The devil is made from the original people by grafting; by separating the germs. In the black man there exist two germs; one a black germ and one a brown germ. Yacob, with his law on birth control, separated the brown germs from the black man and grafted it into a white by destroying the black germ. After following this process for six hundred years, the germ became white and weak and was no more original. Also by thinning the original blood it became weak and wicked and it is no more the same. Thus, this is the way Yacob made the devil.

"31. To make devil, what must you first do?

Answer: To make devil, one must begin grafting from original.

"32. Tell us the mental and physical power of a real devil?

Answer: The mental power of a real devil is nothing in comparison with the original man. He only has six ounces of brain, while the original man has seven and one half ounces of brain which are original. The devil has six ounces of brain. They are grafted brain. The devil's physical power is less than one third that of the original man. The devil is weak bone, weak blood, because he is grafted from the original; therefore his mental and physical power is much weaker than the original man.

"33. What is a devil?

Answer: A grafted man which is made weak and wicked, or any grafted live germ, from original, is devil.

"34. And can you reform devil?

Answer: No. All the prophets have tried to reform him (devil) but were unable, so they have agreed that it cannot be done unless we graft him back to the original man which takes six-hundred years. So instead of losing time grafting him back, they have decided to take him off the planet, who numbers only one to every eleven original people.

"35. Tell us the exact date of the expiration of the devil's civilization?

Answer: Expired in nineteen and fourteen.

"36. Tell us the exact number of years, months and days, of devil being birthed on the planet?

Answer: Six thousand and twenty years. And seventy-two thousand, two hundred and forty-one months. Two million, one hundred ninty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-one days, at the date of this writing (6,020 years, 72, 241 months, 2, 197,351 days)

"37. Tell us what the devil teaches the eighty-five per cent that the God, is a righteous and unseen being, exist everywhere?

Answer: ALLAH is God, in the Earth, and in the heaven above and is just and true and there is no unrighteousness in him. But is not unseen; is seen and is heard everywhere, for he is the all eye seeing.

'38. Then, why did God make devil?

Answer: To show forth his power, that he is all wise, and righteous, that he could make a devil which is weak and wicked and give the devil power to rule the Earth for six thousand years and then destroy the devil in one day without falling a victim to the devil's civilization; otherwise to show and prove that ALLAH is the God; always has been and always will be.

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"39. Now, tell us would you hope to live to see that the Gods will take the devil into hells, in a very near future?

Answer: YES, I fast and pray, ALLAH. In the name of his Prophet, W. C. Fard. That I see the hereafter when ALLAH in his own good time takes the devil off our planet.

"40. What will be your reward in reguards to the destruction of the devil?

Answer: Peace and happiness. I will give all I have and all within my power to see this day, for which I have waited 379 years. This lesson No. 2 was given by our Prophet, W. D. Fard, which contains 40 questions answered by ELIJAH Mohammed, one of the lost found in the Wilderness of North America, February 20th. 1934."

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